

# FAIRY TAIL

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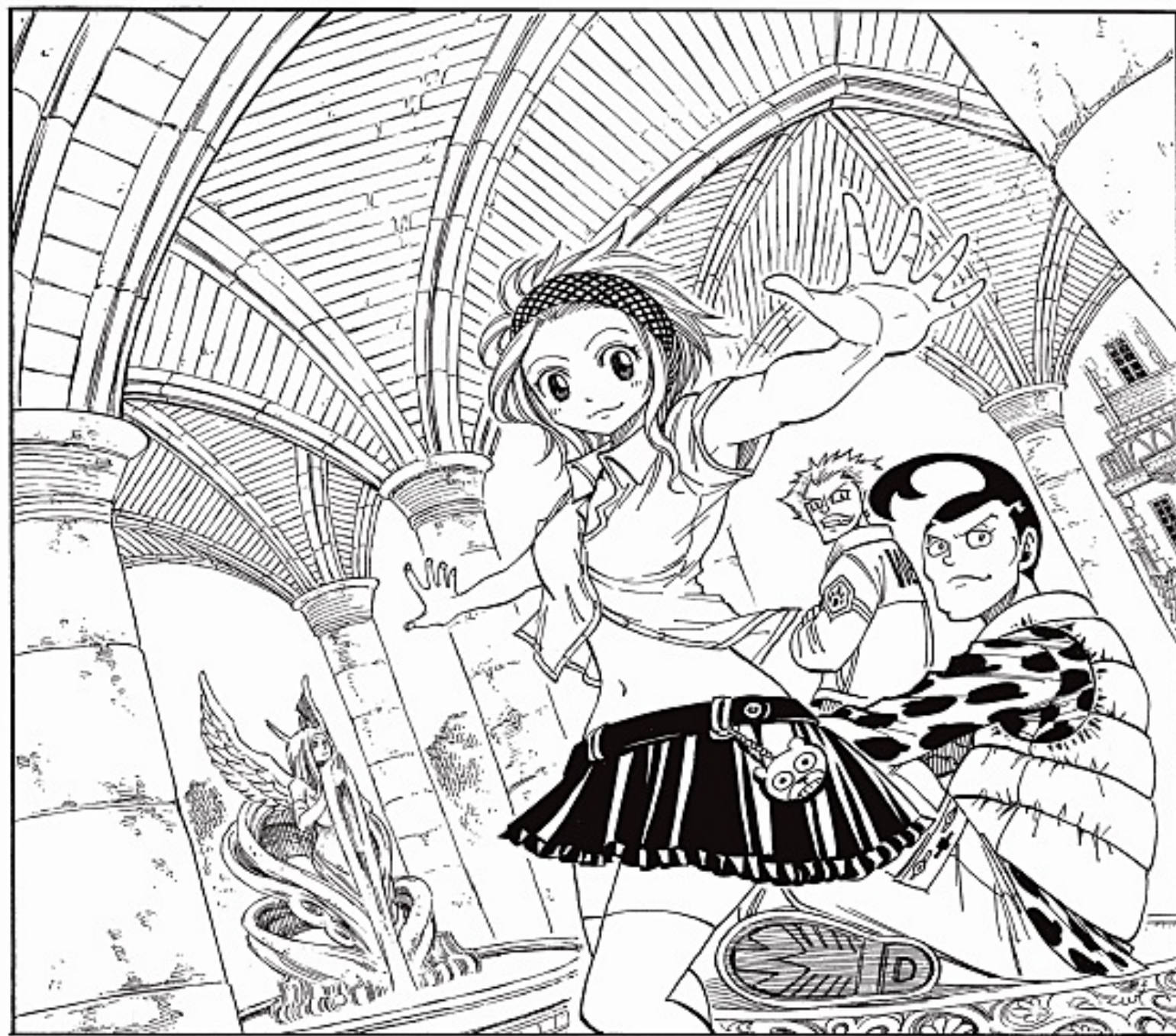
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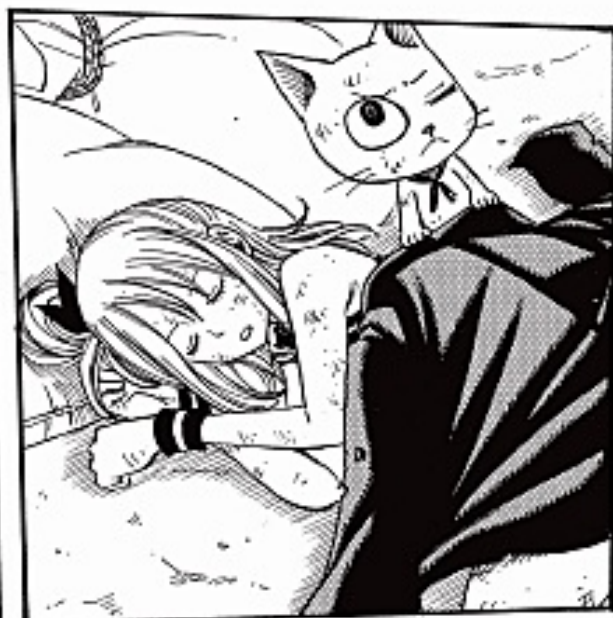


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## Chapter 119: Attack! The Great Kardia Cathedral









I wonder if  
Lexus really  
intends to  
use it?



Only ten  
more  
minutes.

Oh, yeah!  
Isn't Mystogan  
in town too?

I've never actually  
seen him, but...



Even  
Gajeel.

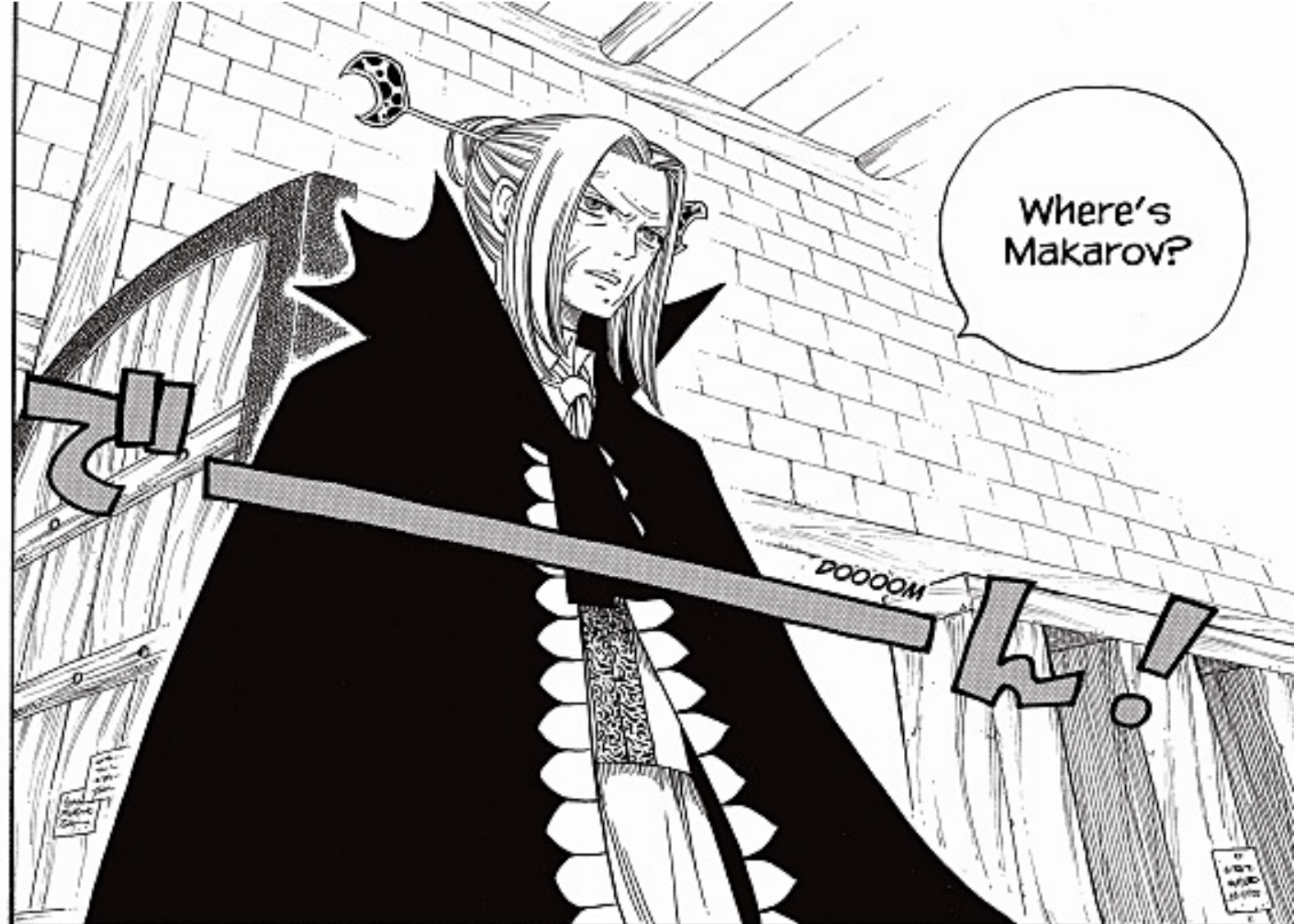
But we should  
be able to do  
something  
about it! We've  
still got Erza!



Who could  
that be at  
a time like  
this?







Where's Makarov?



I asked where he is!

Portyusica-san?!



Huh?!

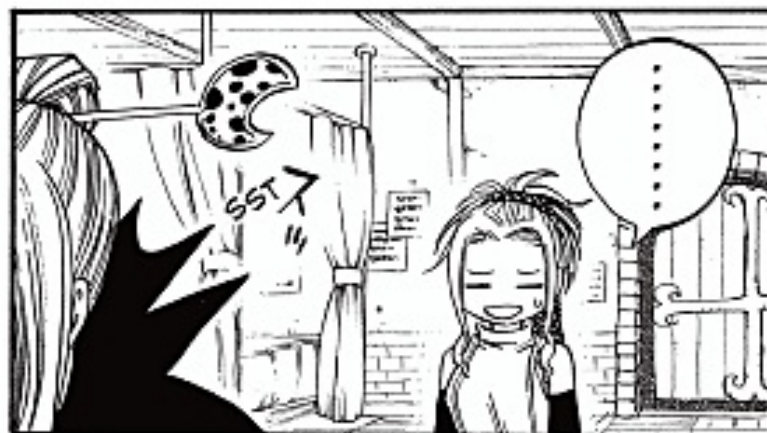
I know.  
That is why  
I am here.

U-Um...  
Right now,  
he's...

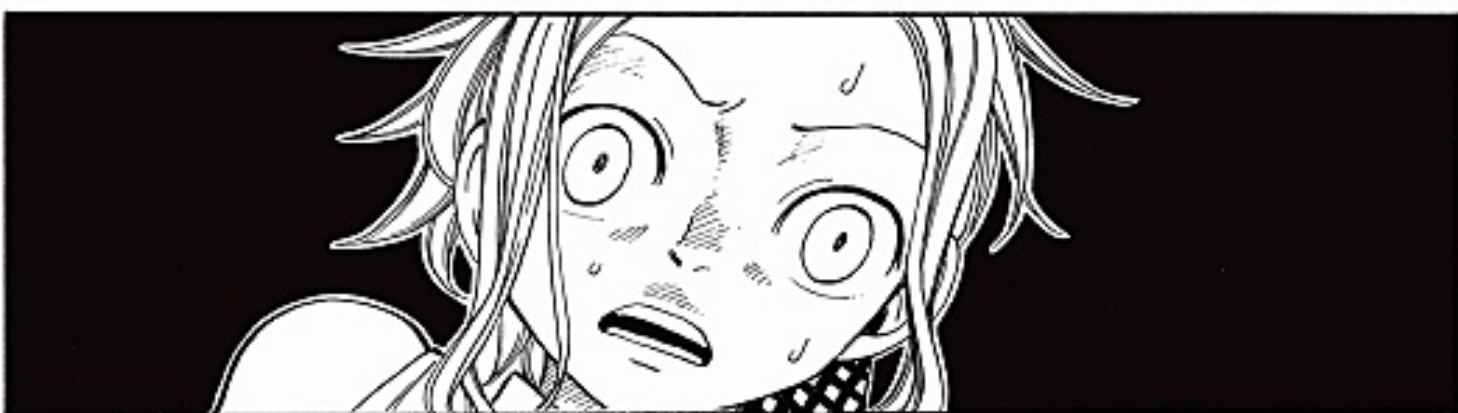
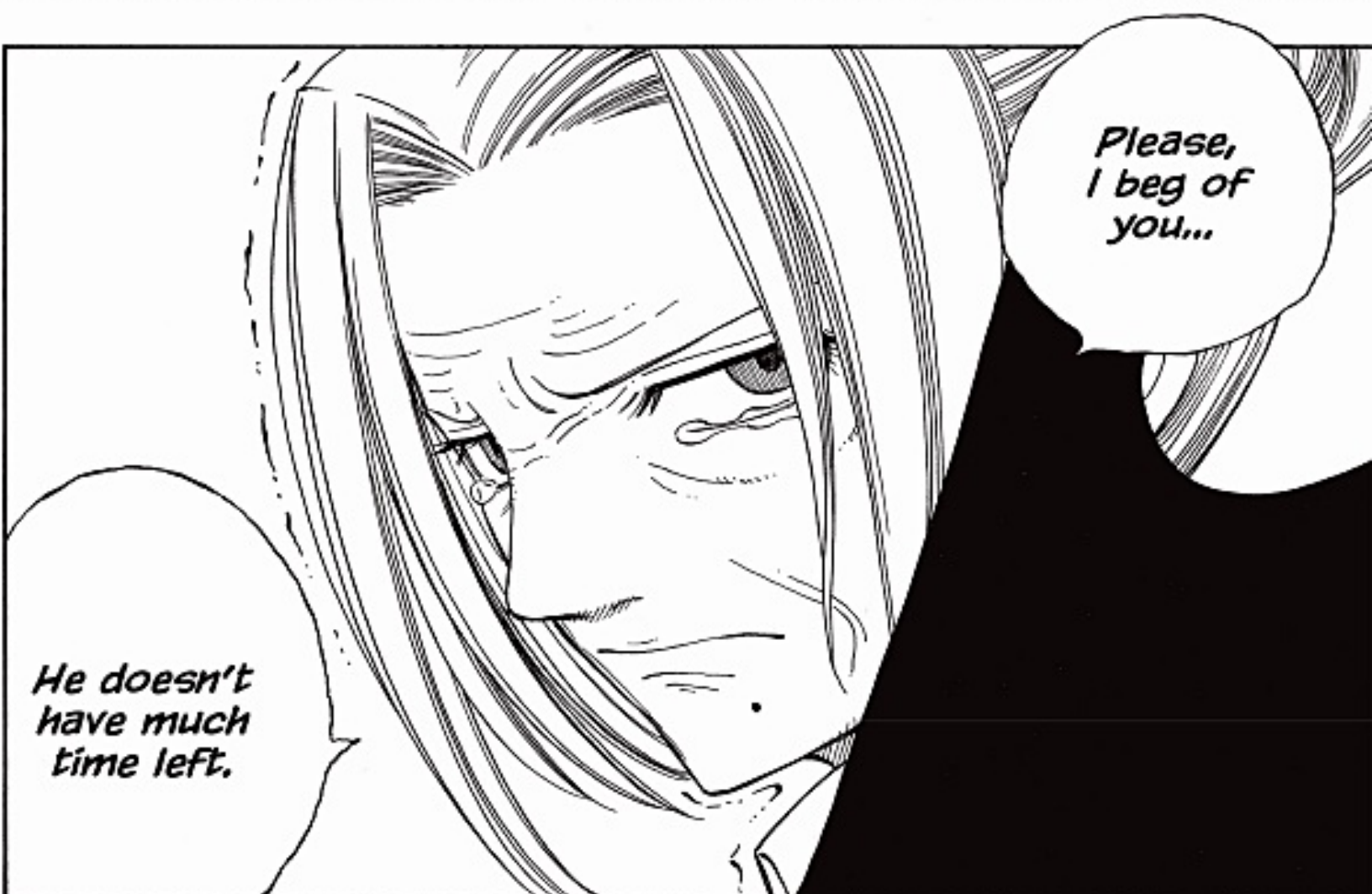
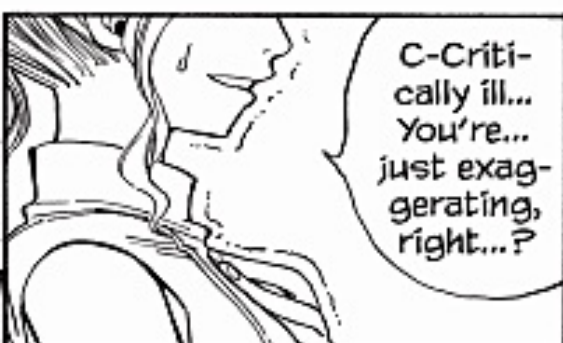
Humph!

I-In the  
back! In the  
infirmary!





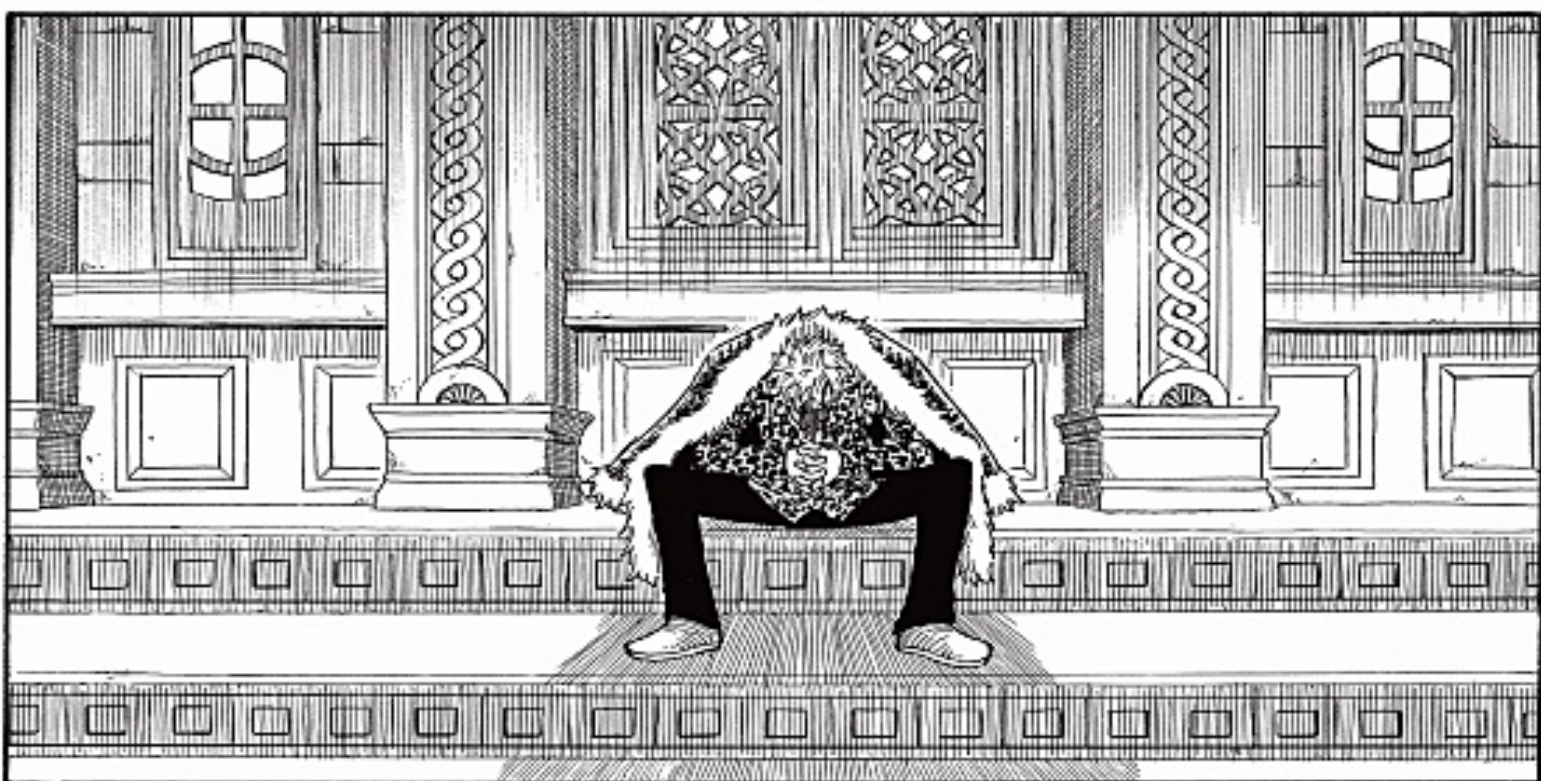






Lexus...

Will you  
shape up  
and help  
us with  
Fantasia?



...you have  
no right to  
talk!

Old man...



A black and white manga panel showing Natsu Dragneel from Fairy Tail. He has spiky blonde hair and is wearing large headphones. He is shouting with his mouth wide open and his right hand raised in a gesture. He is wearing a light-colored t-shirt and a dark arm warmer with a flame-like pattern on his left arm.

No matter what I do, it's always, "It's cause he's Makarov's grandson." "He's the grandkid of the master of Fairy Tail!" I can't get any credit for the things I do!

Ever since I was little, people have only ever seen me as your grandkid!!!

A black and white manga panel showing Makarov Dreyar, the master of Fairy Tail. He is an older man with a large, bushy white mustache and a small tuft of hair on his head. He has a serious, somewhat pensive expression and is holding a small object in his right hand. He is wearing a dark robe.

I wonder if *anybody* gets the credit he deserves?

Credit is all in how you look at it, right?

A black and white manga panel showing Natsu Dragneel from behind, standing in a library. He is wearing his signature t-shirt and jeans. He is gesturing with his right hand towards a bookshelf. Makarov Dreyar is standing in the background, looking at Natsu. The library has many bookshelves filled with books.

That isn't...

All he said was that he "doesn't feel comfortable," and you go dragging his name through the gutter!





You don't  
have any  
sympathy,  
do you?!



*Why  
did you  
have to  
go and  
expel  
Dad?!!!*



He  
brought  
damage  
upon the  
guild.







But he's  
your son,  
right?!!!  
You're  
family,  
right?!!!

I know he's  
always doing  
stupid stuff!



My  
predecessor  
did the same  
thing to  
protect the  
guild!

Even if he's  
family...

That is  
what it  
means to  
be in Fairy  
Tail!

...I can't allow  
anyone to stay  
in the guild who  
endangers the lives  
of his guild  
mates!



He started  
a guild?!

If you do, I'll  
just go join  
the guild he  
made and  
come back to  
crush you!

Then are  
you gonna  
fire me,  
too?!





Don't even pretend you care! Anybody can see through that!

W-Wait!!



Th-Then you know where he is right now?



**IF I don't find him, Fairy Tail will be in danger!!!!**

**He left with information that could be damaging to Fairy Tail!!!!**



Lexus!!

You should talk, after you chased him out!





I won't get  
better for Dad.  
I'll be doing it  
so I can be me!

One day, I  
will surpass  
you.

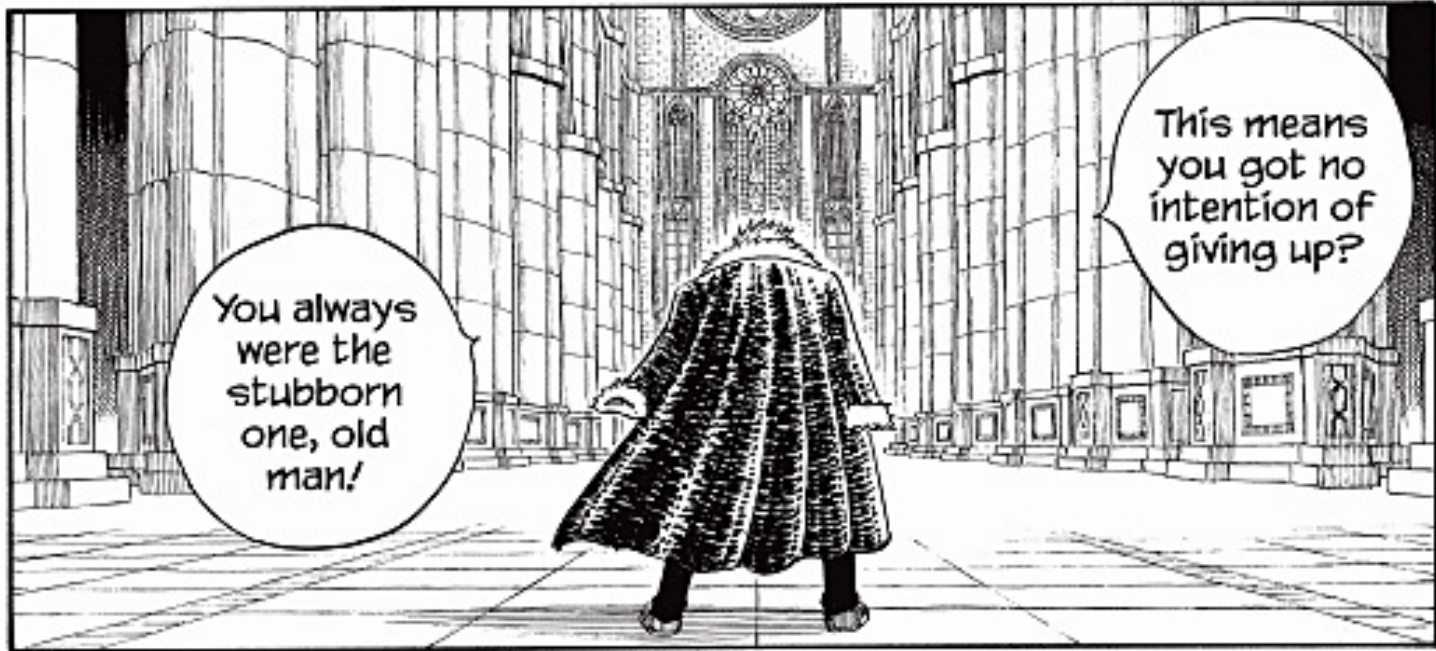


***So I can  
be my own  
man!***





Six minutes until  
Thunder Palace fires.



You always  
were the  
stubborn  
one, old  
man!

This means  
you got no  
intention of  
giving up?



So you  
came.





I never for a minute thought you'd take part in this game.

*Mystogan!*

獄神楽

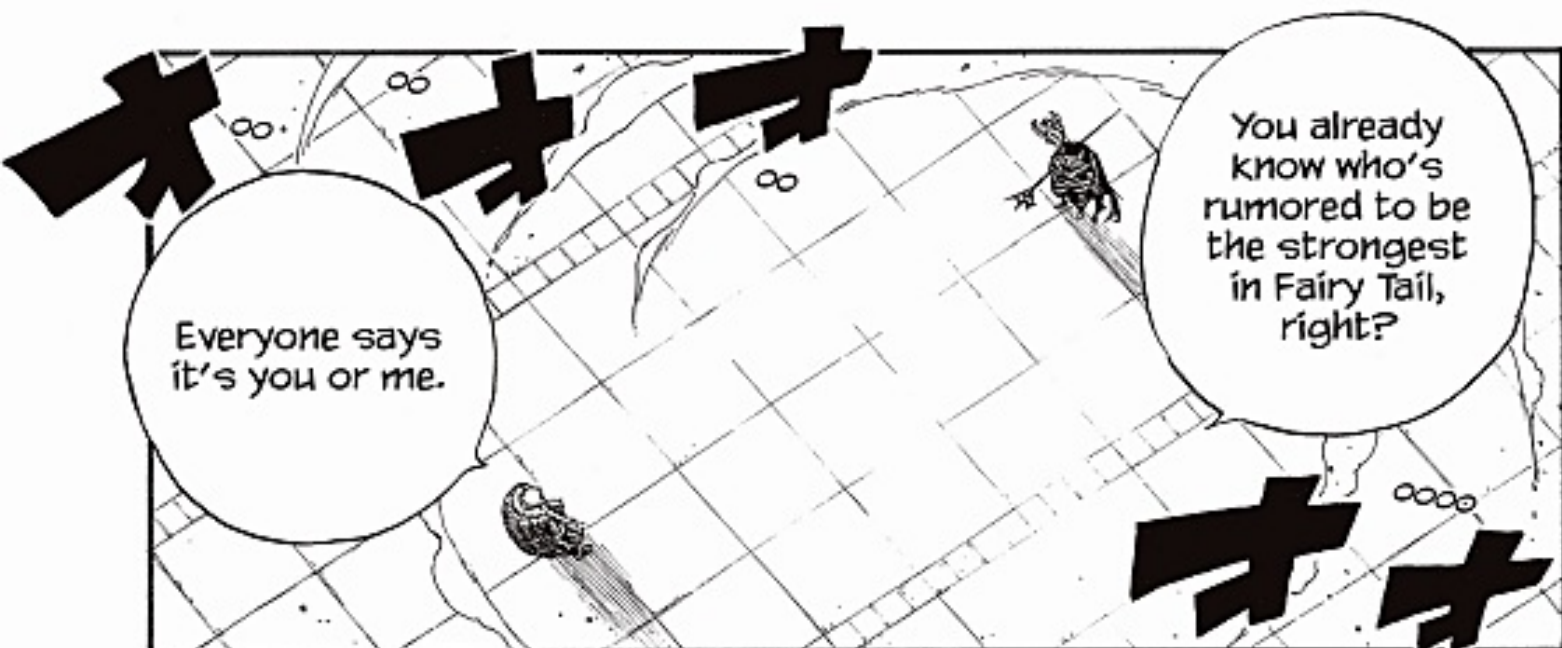
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Pants: Dance of Purgatory

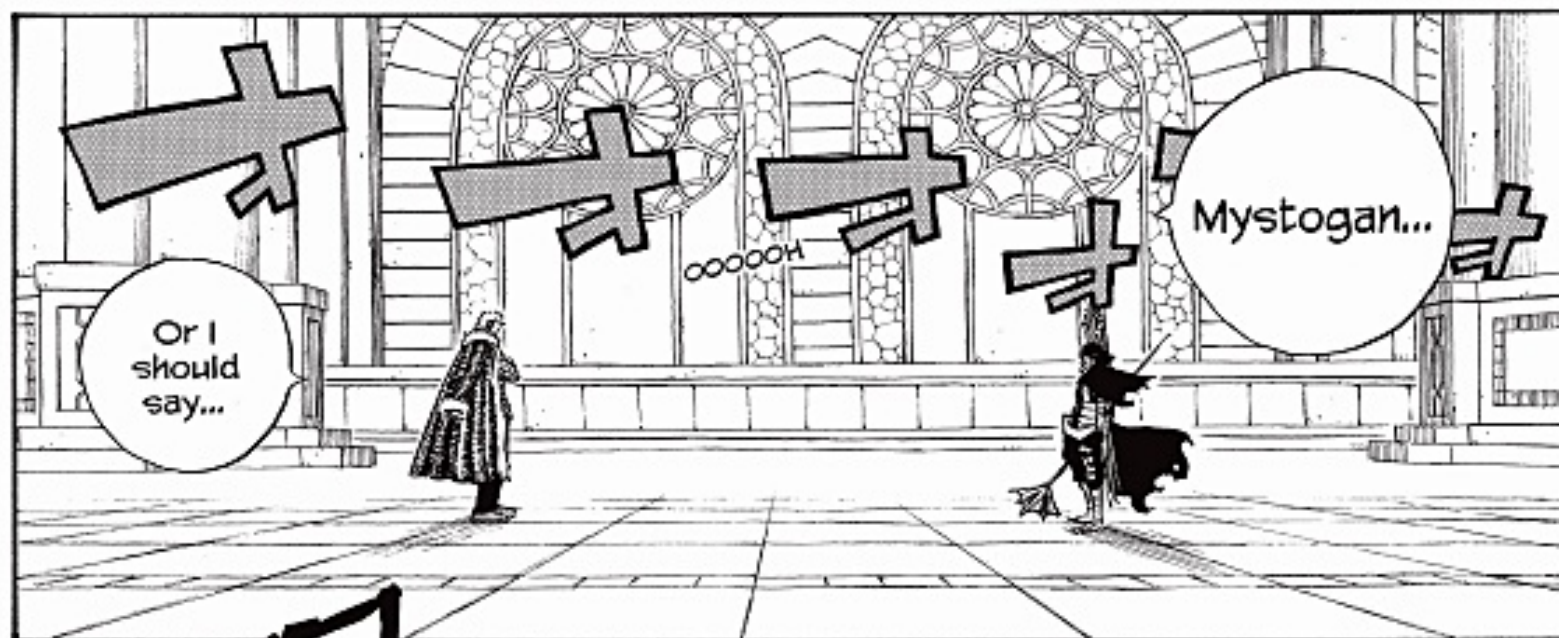
Don't be a pea-brain.

Take down the Thunder Palace immediately. It is possible we can still smooth this over as being a part of the entertainment.





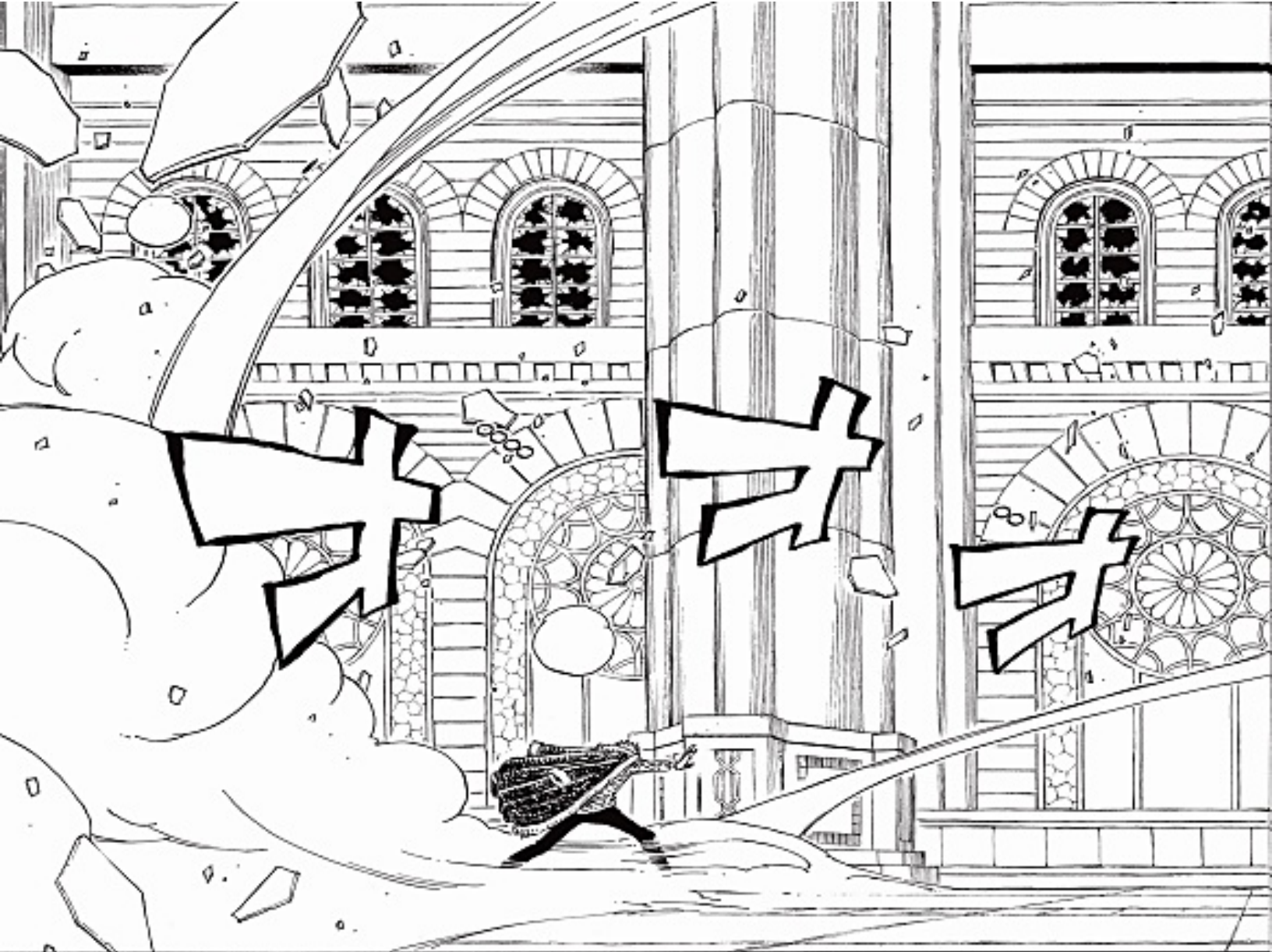
















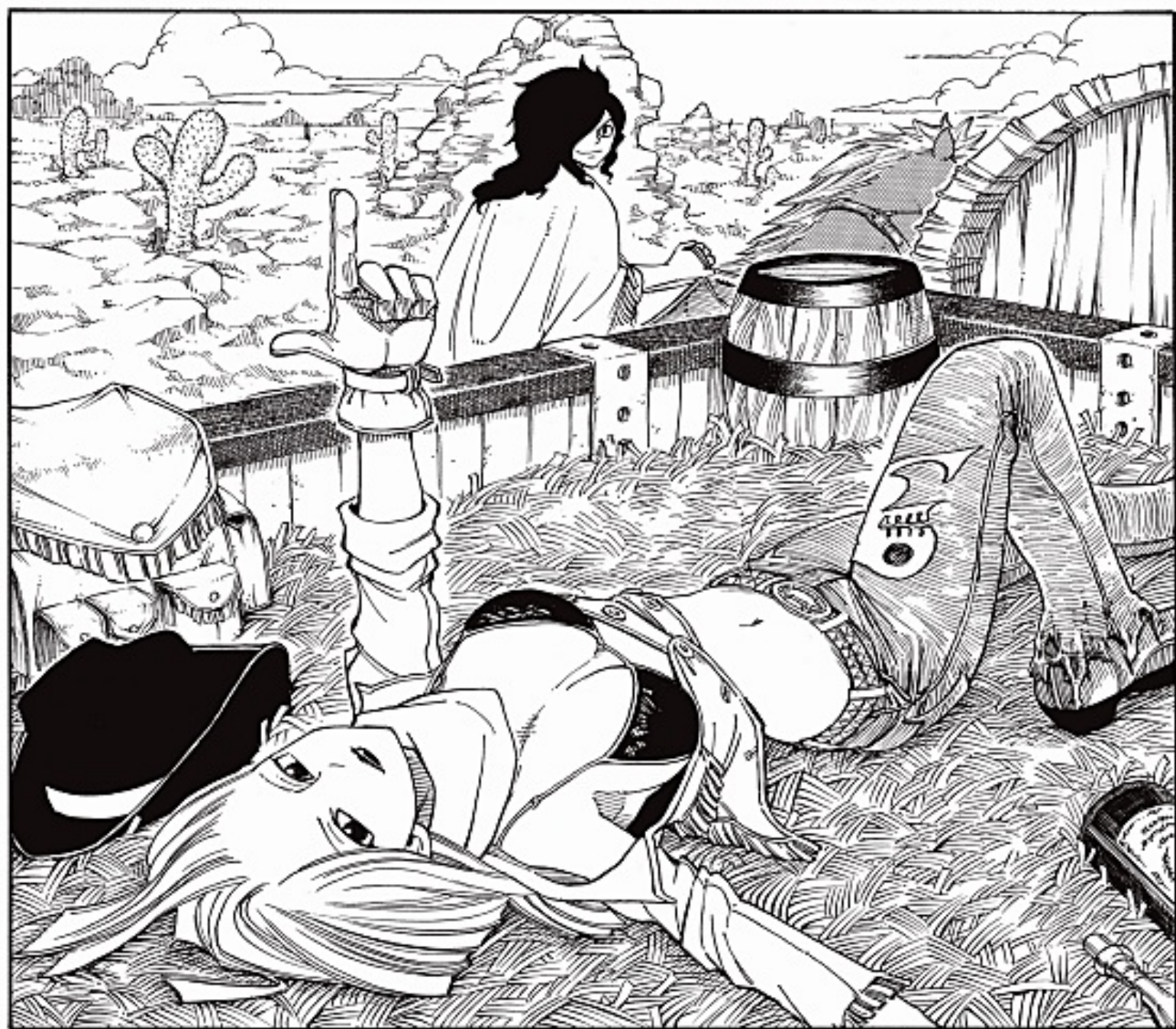




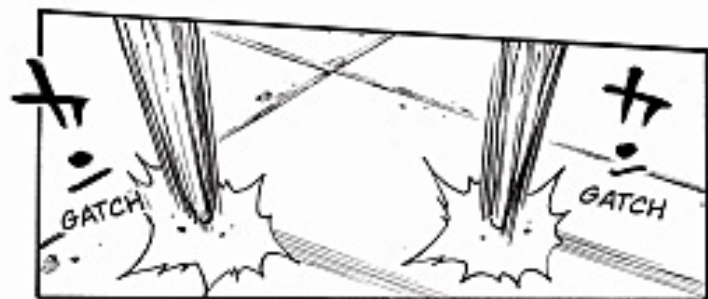
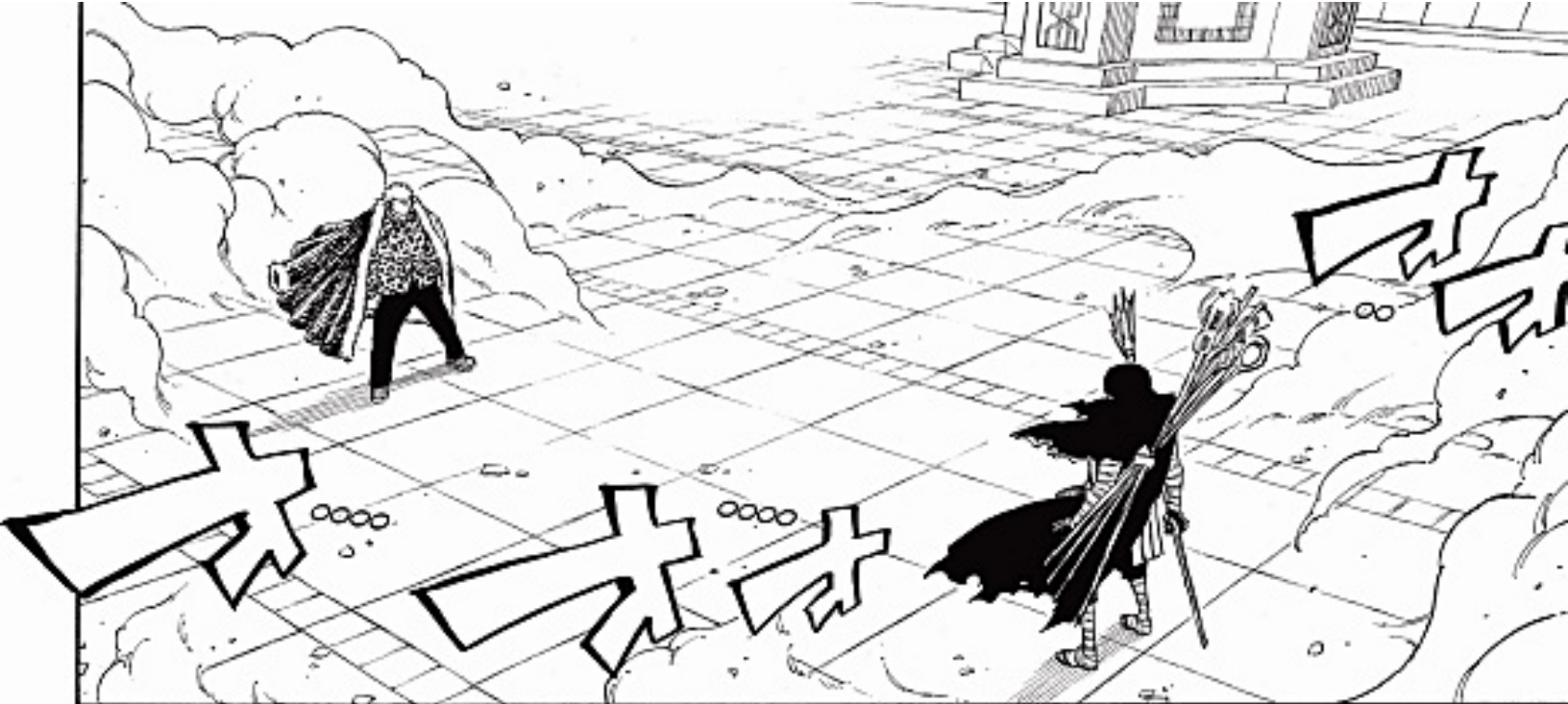


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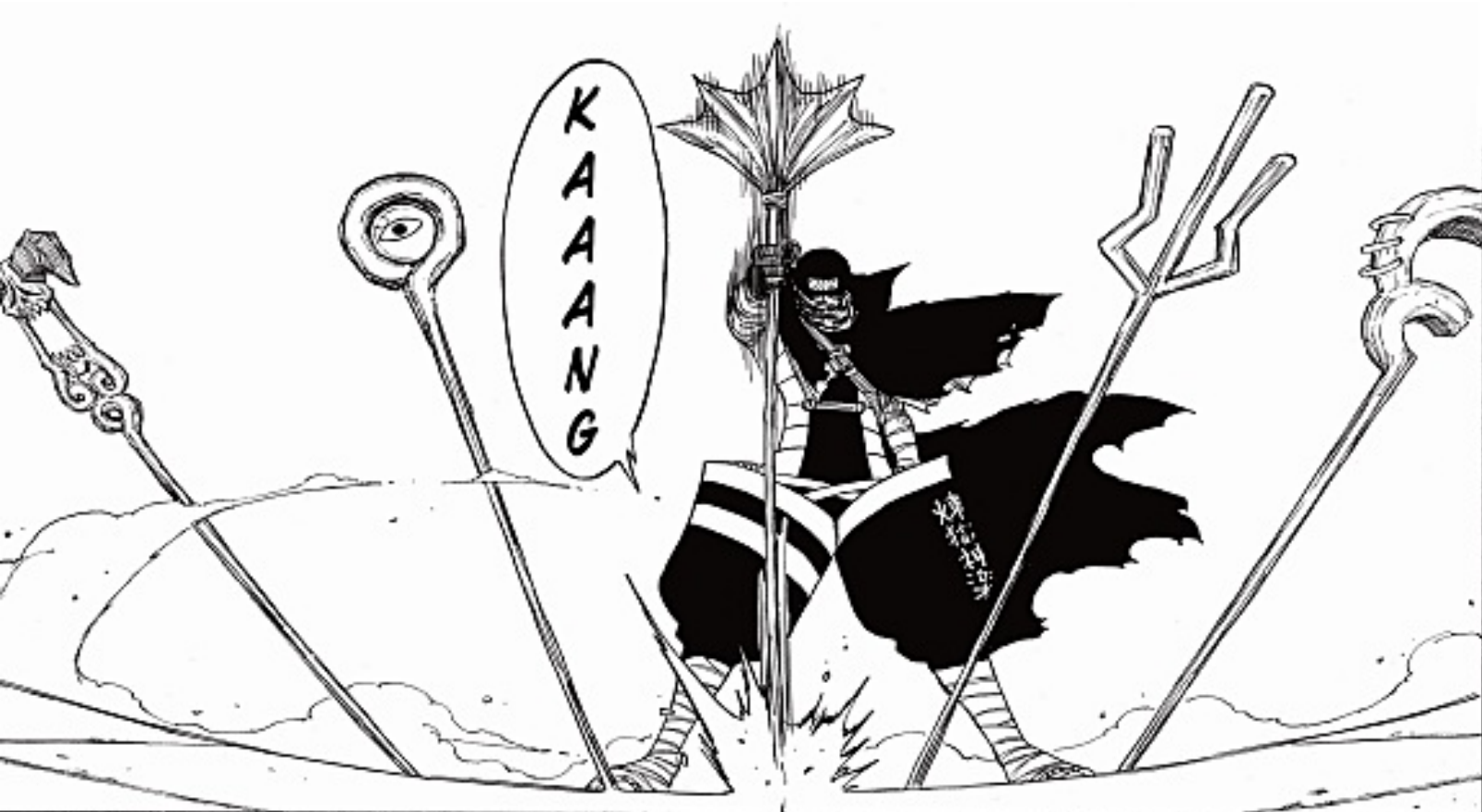
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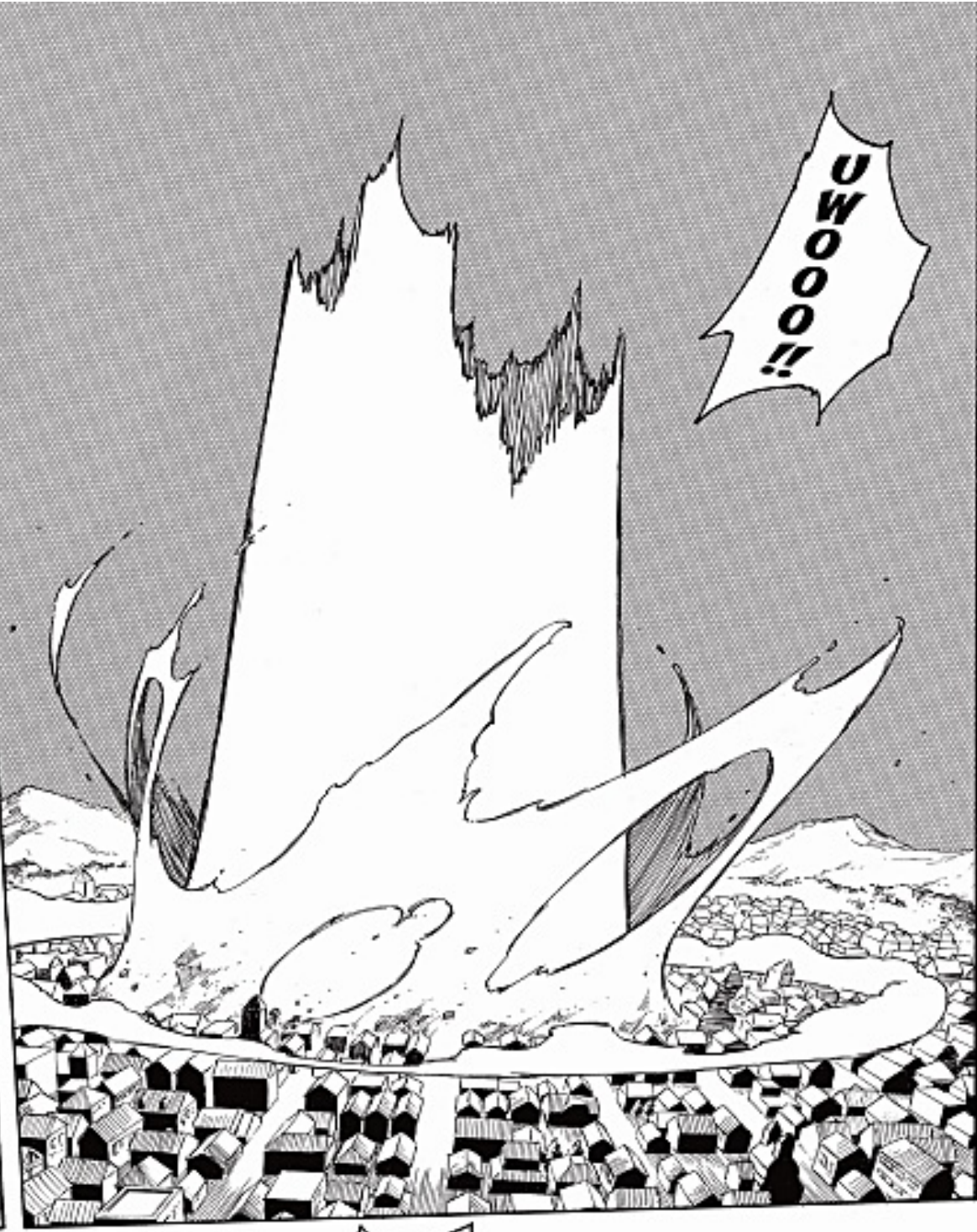
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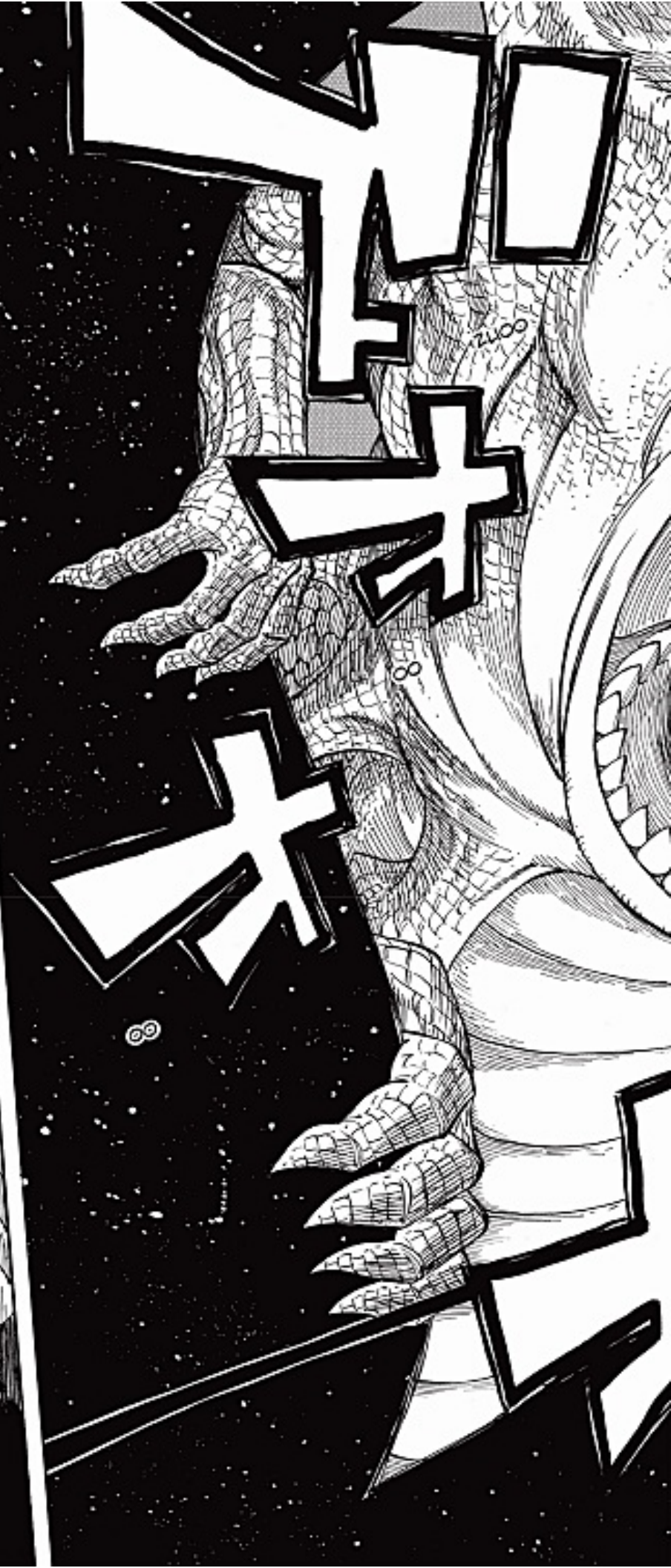




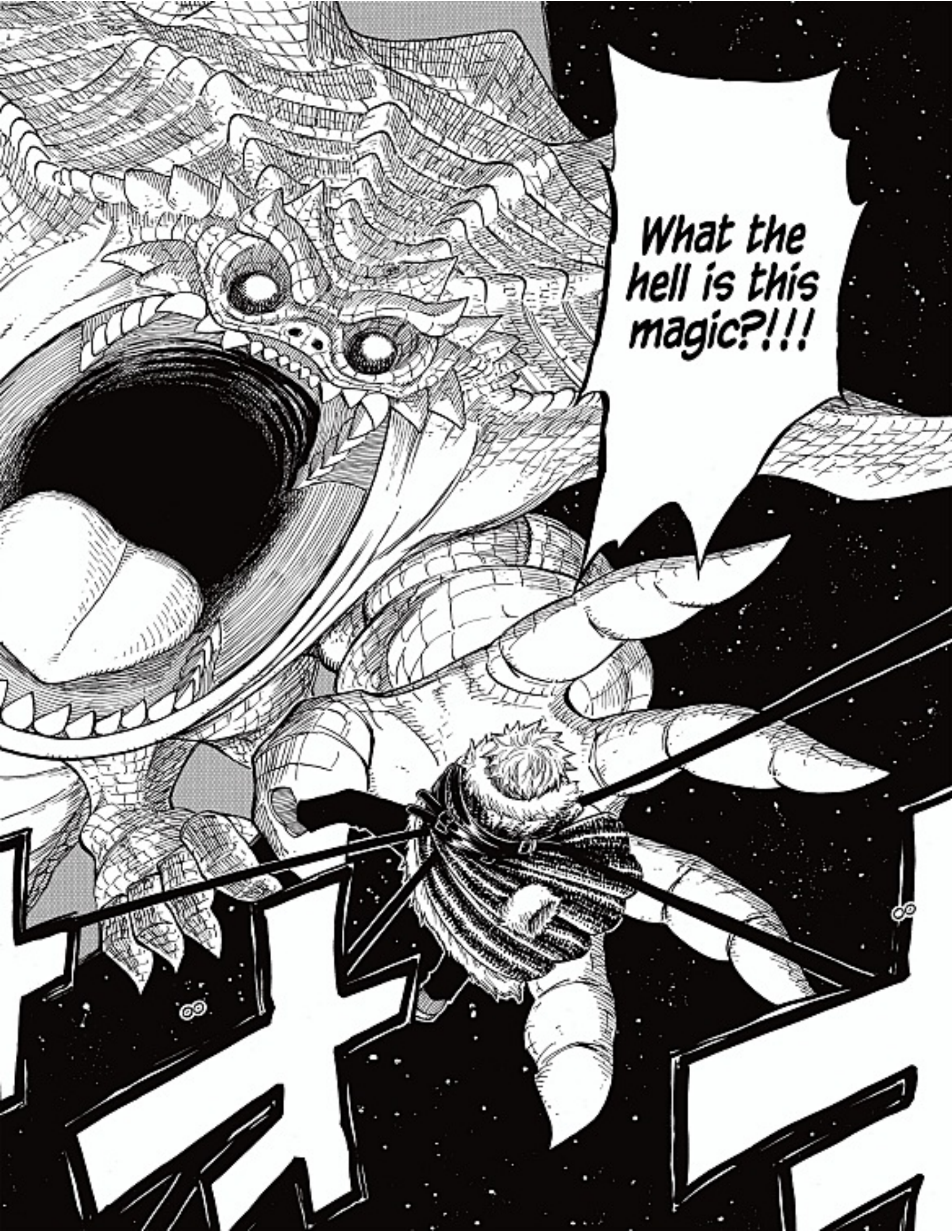


Uwaa-  
ooooo  
!!!!

GROOOAAAAA





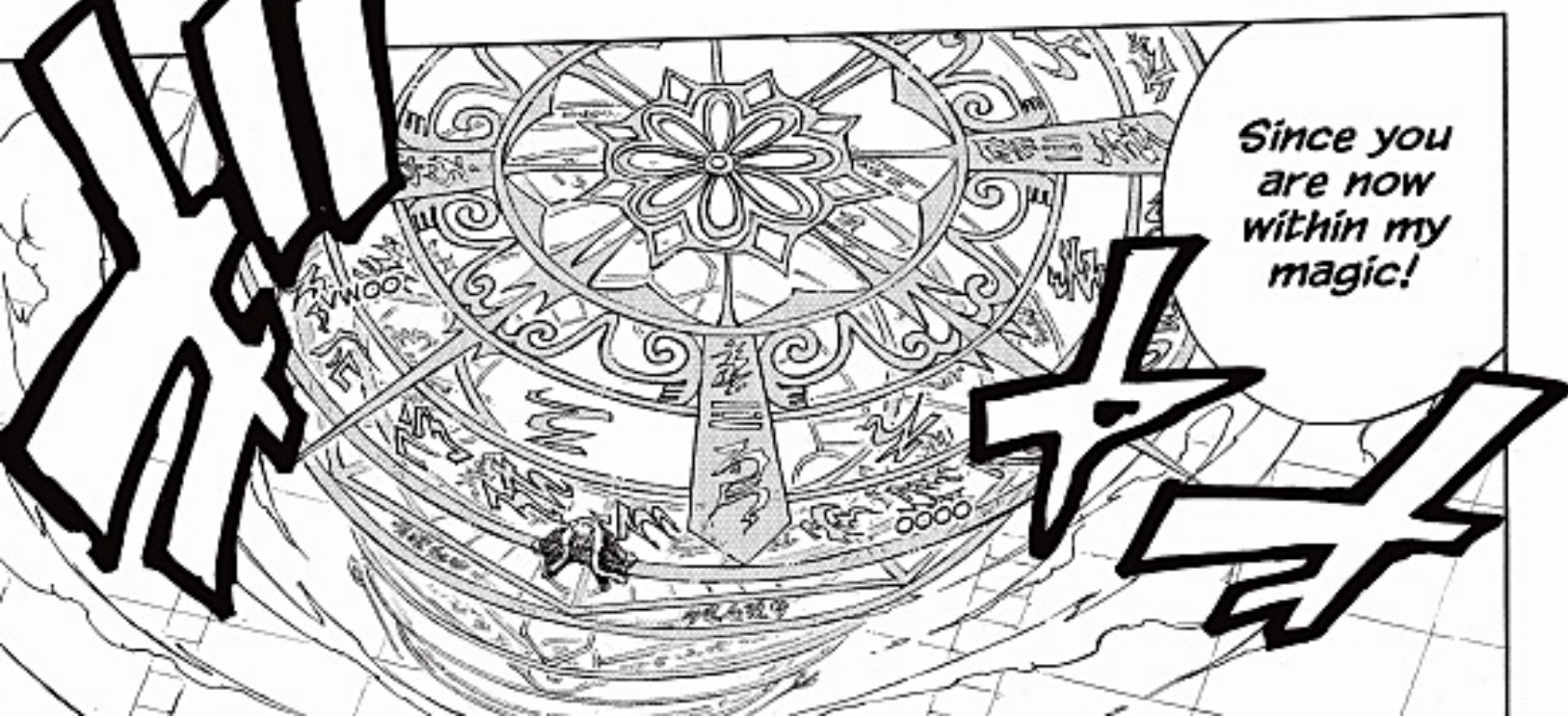


What the  
hell is this  
magic?!!

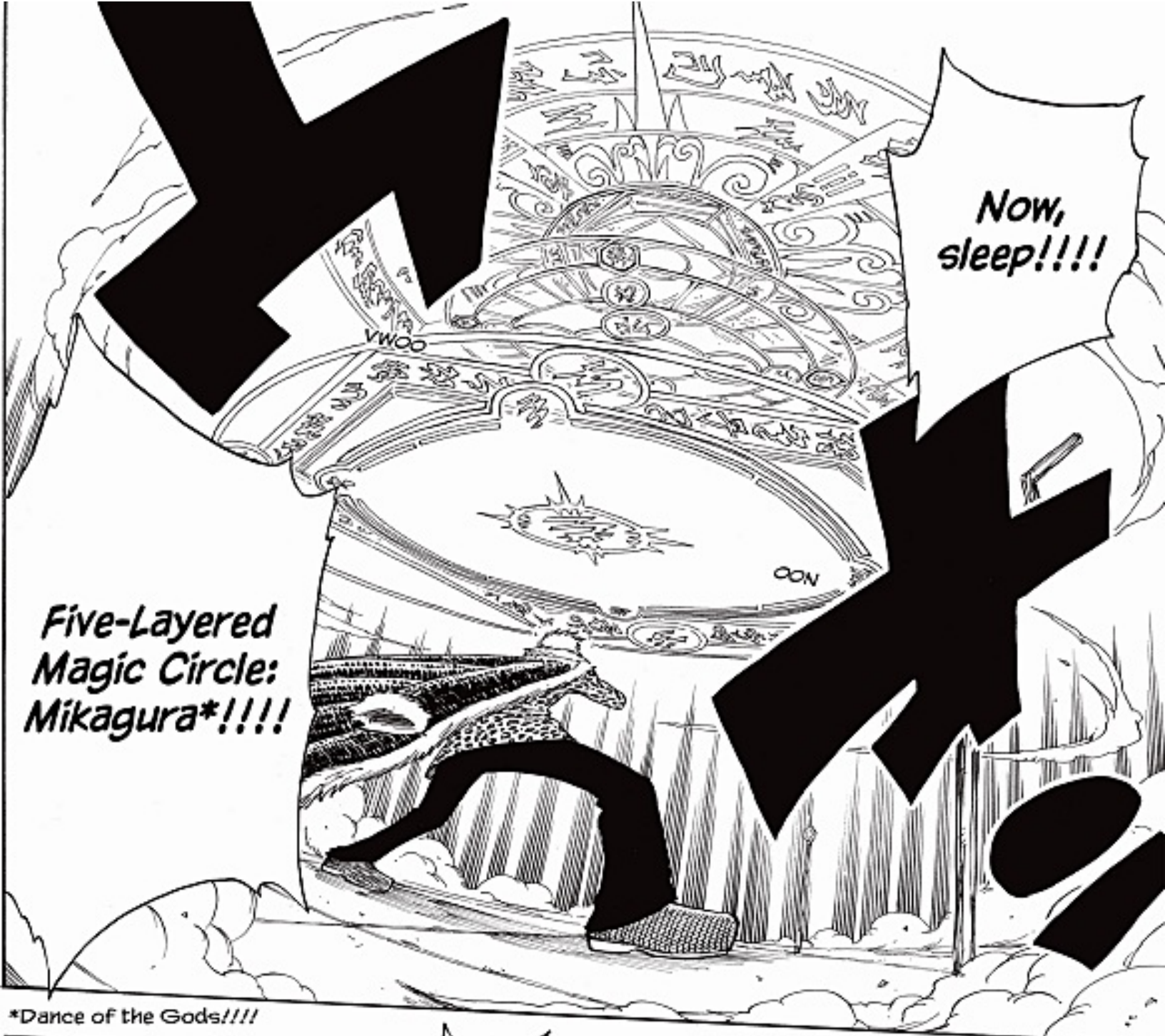








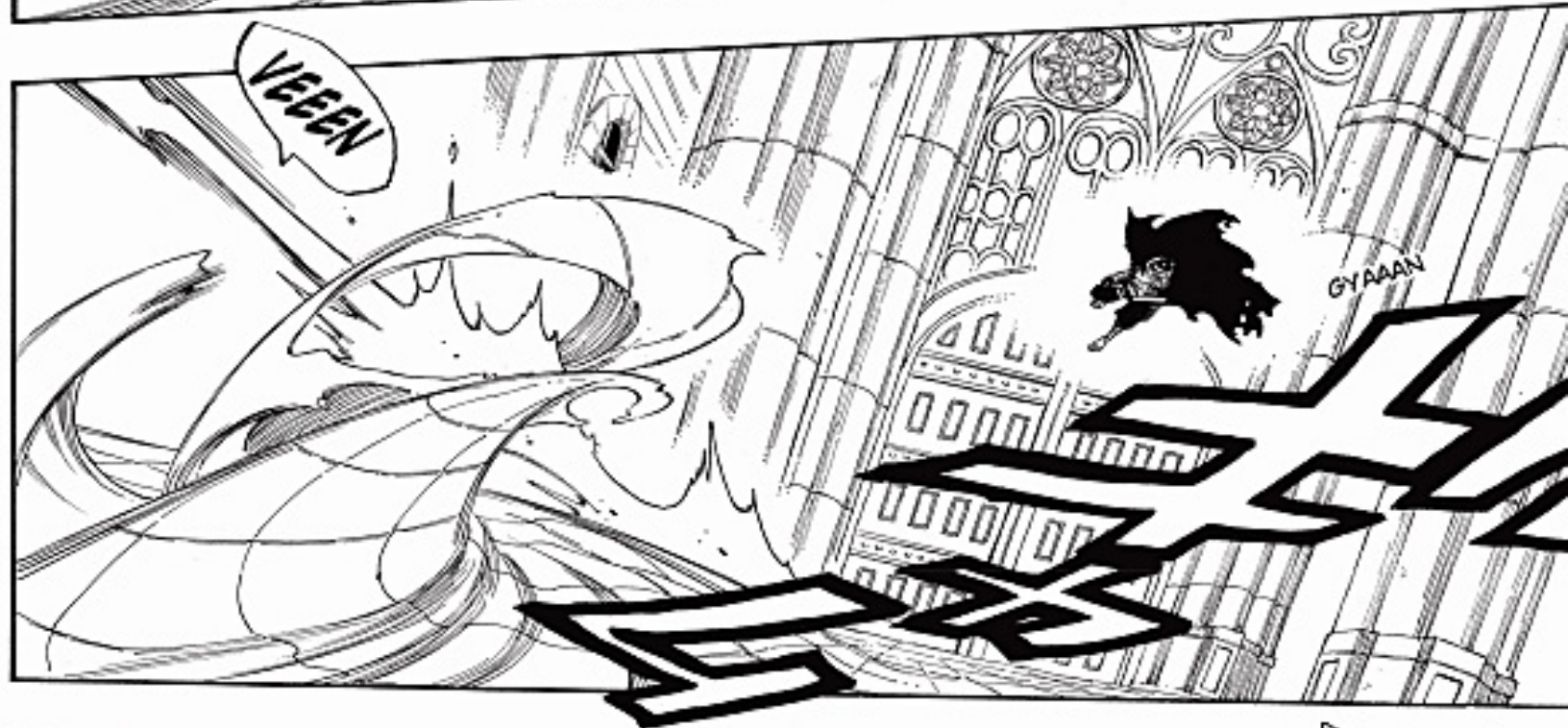




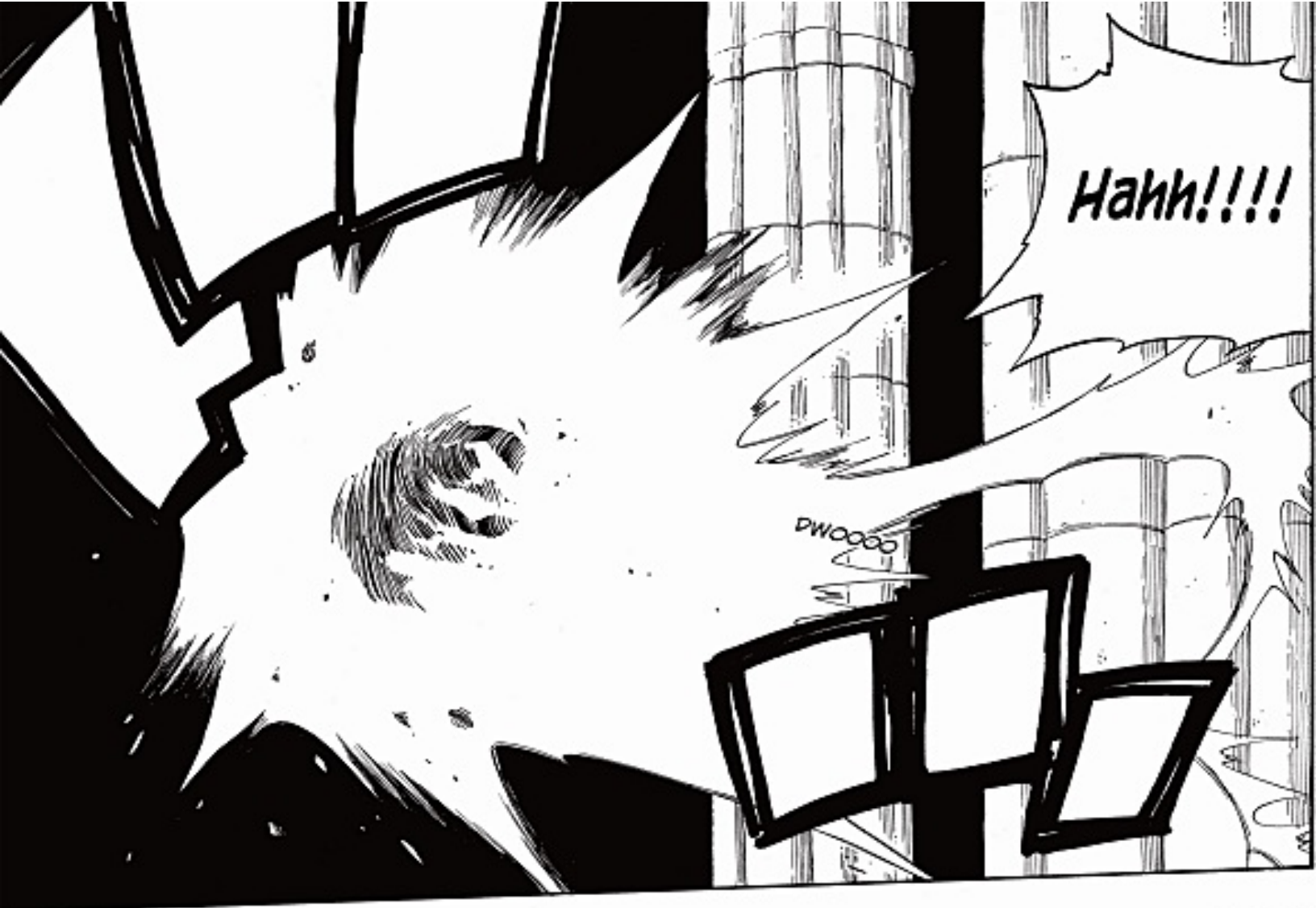




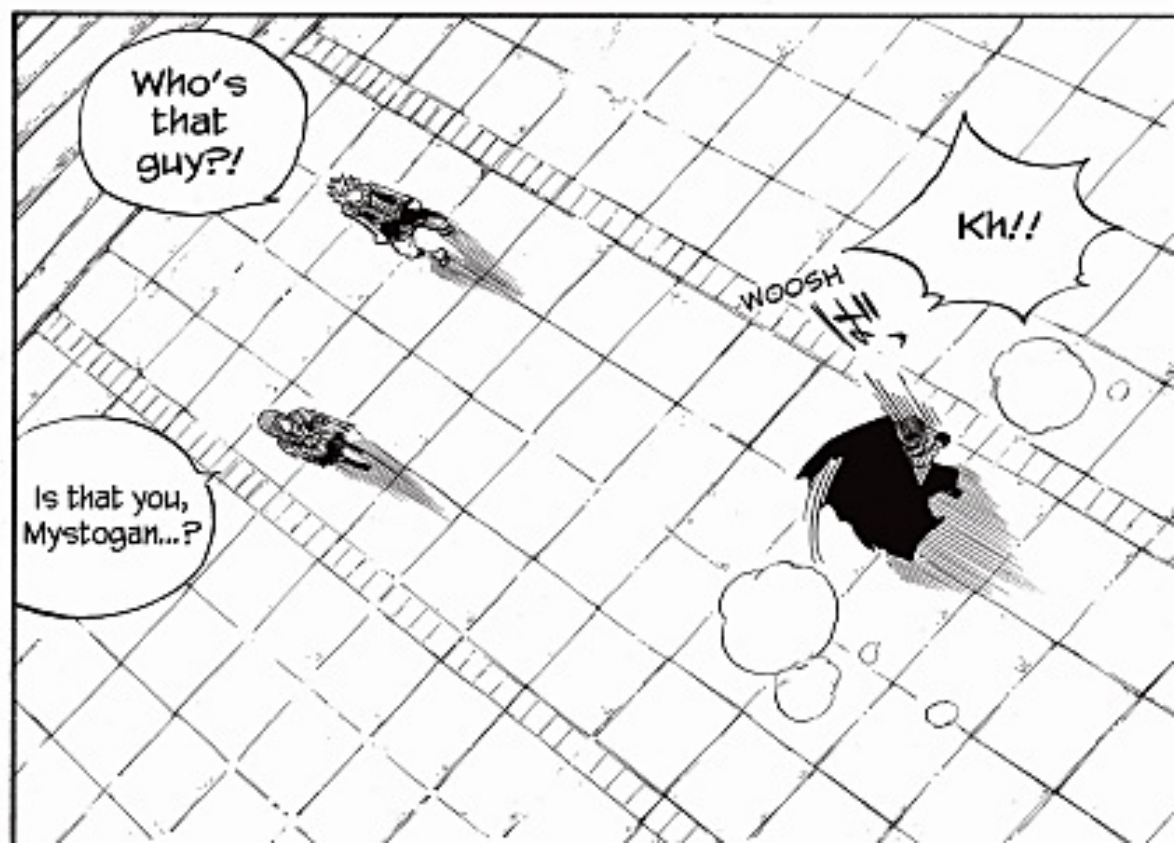




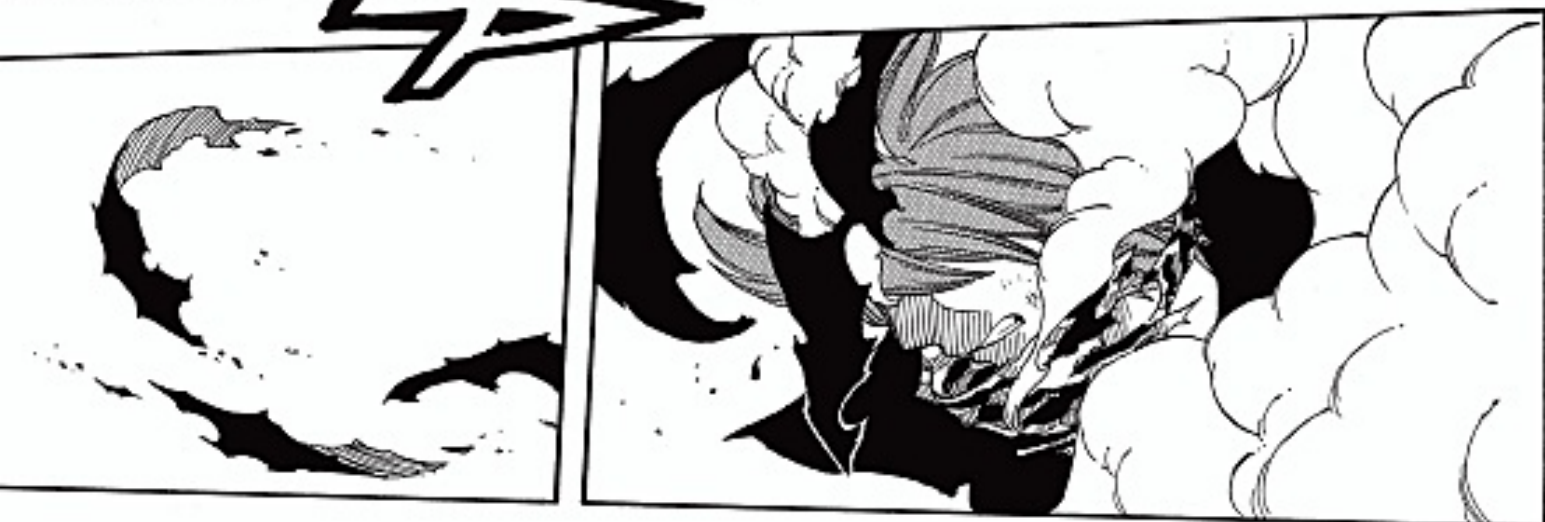




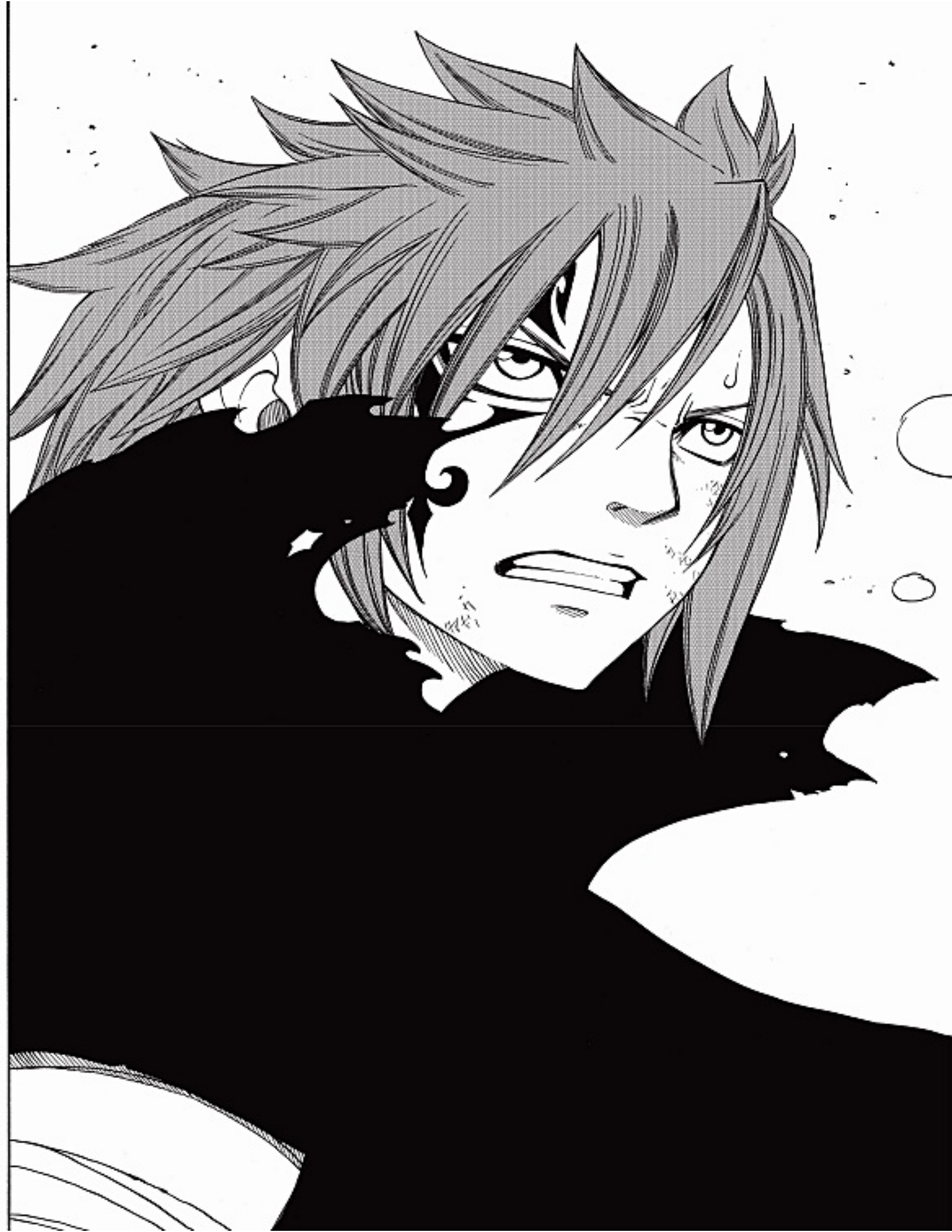




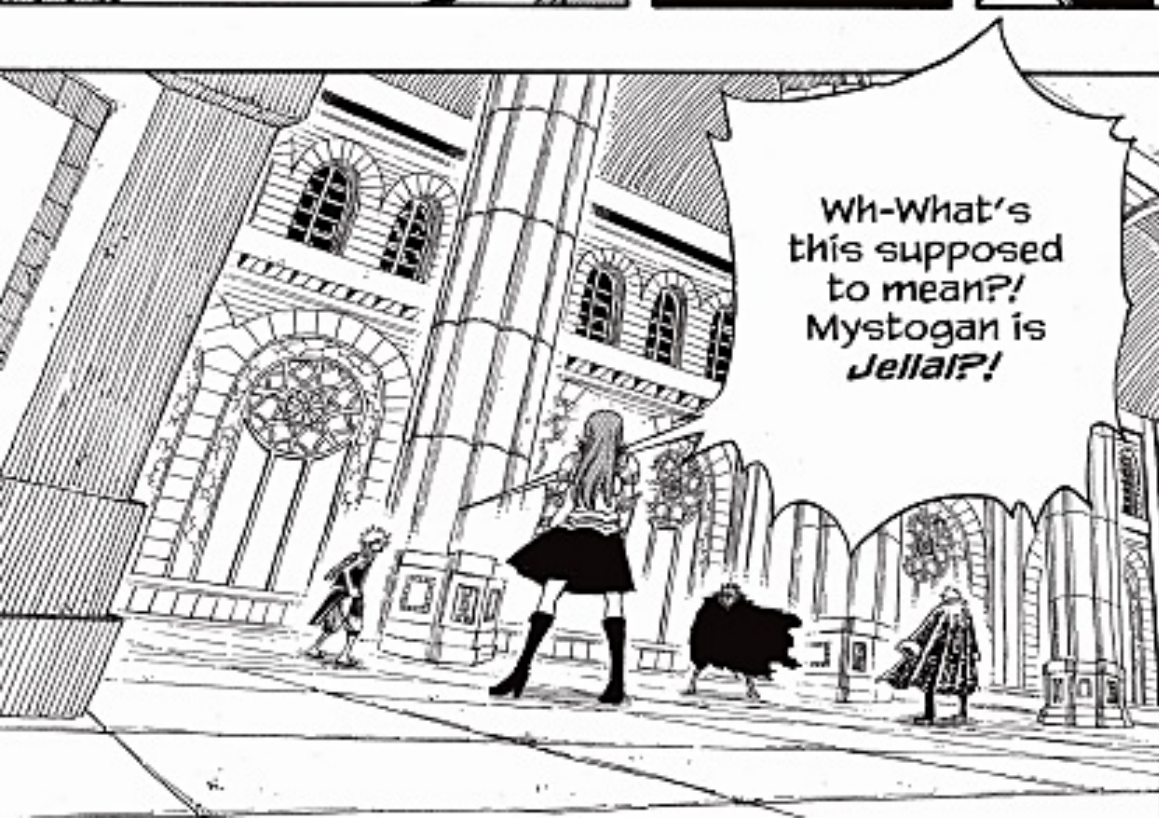




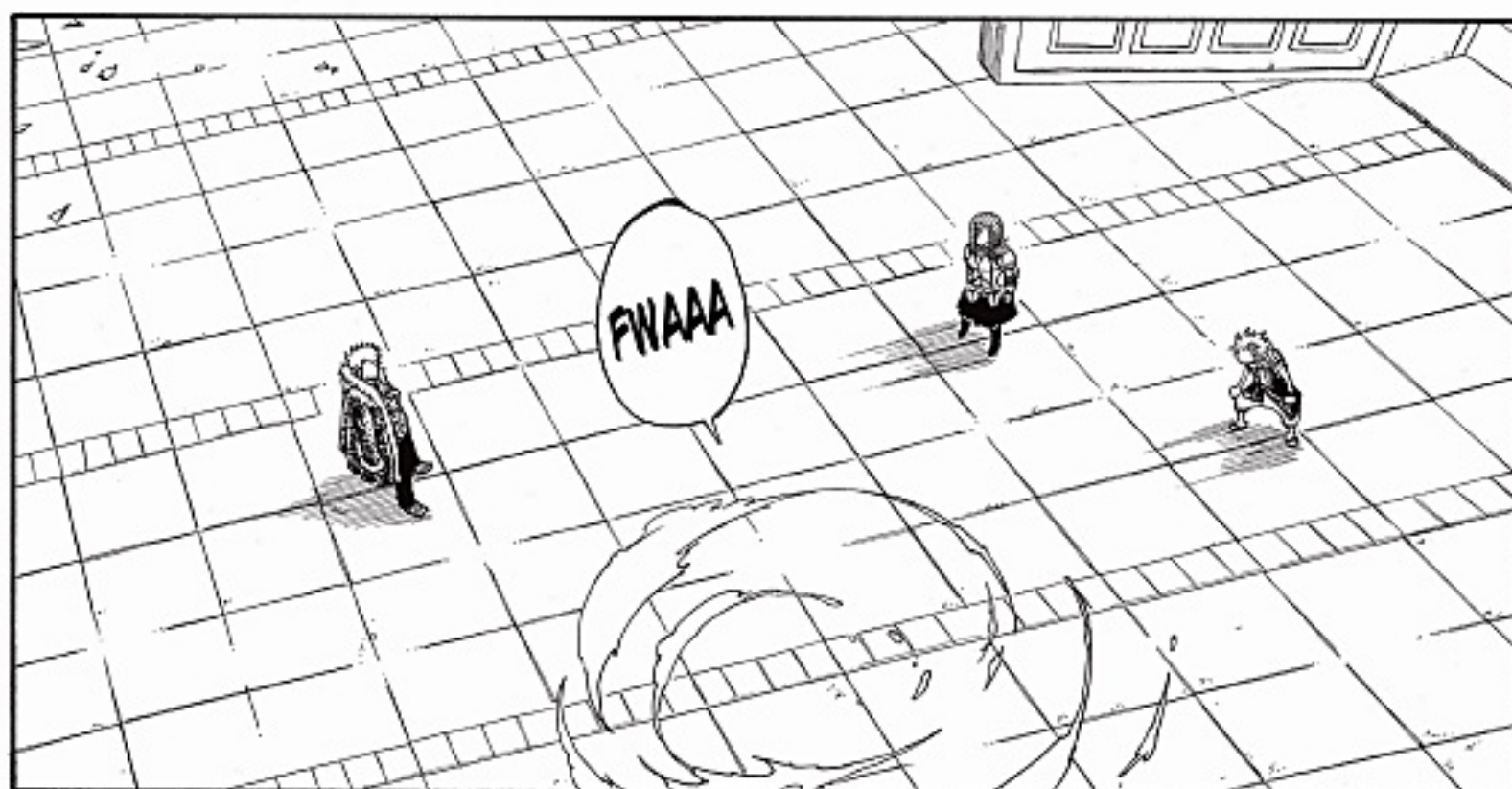
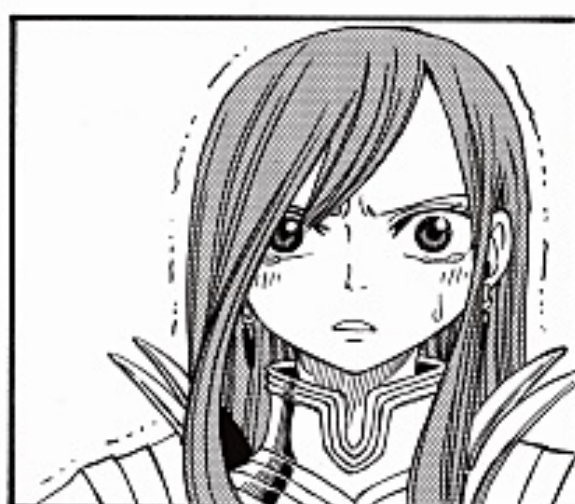
















**Erza  
!!!!**



Erza, you're  
okay with  
this, right?!  
I'm taking  
him on!!!

Awwww,  
I don't get it!!  
But it can wait!!!  
Laxus, you and  
me are on!!!



**Gwaa-  
aahh  
!!!**

SHRAKKK



**Now  
come  
at me!**

That face  
looks ugly  
on you.





**Lexus  
!!!!**



**You  
piece  
of-!!!!**



**I told you  
that I was the  
one to take  
you on!!!!**



**...Natsu?**

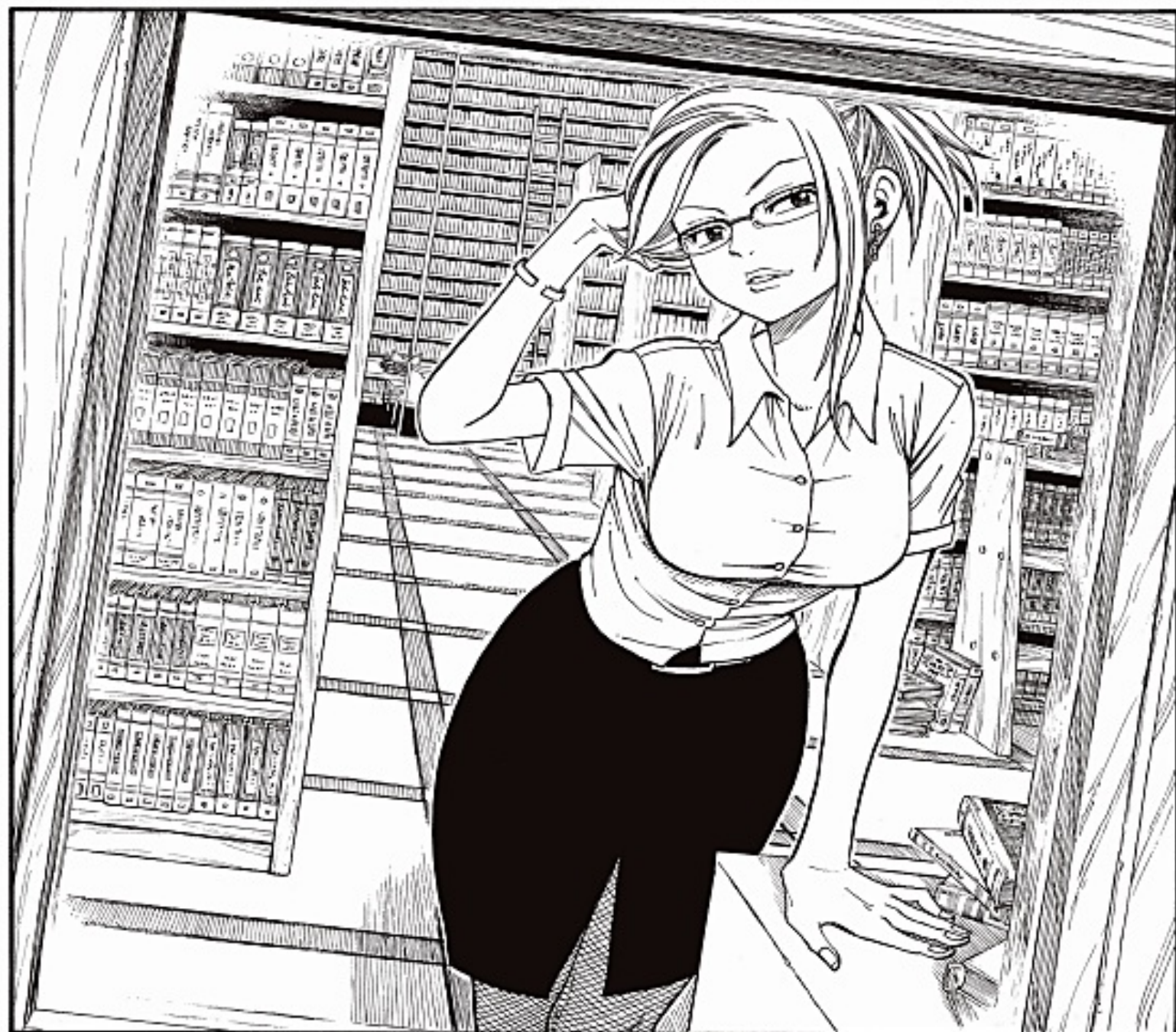


**Hm? When  
did you get  
here...**



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## Chapter 121: My Chance to Take the Top Seat, Right?







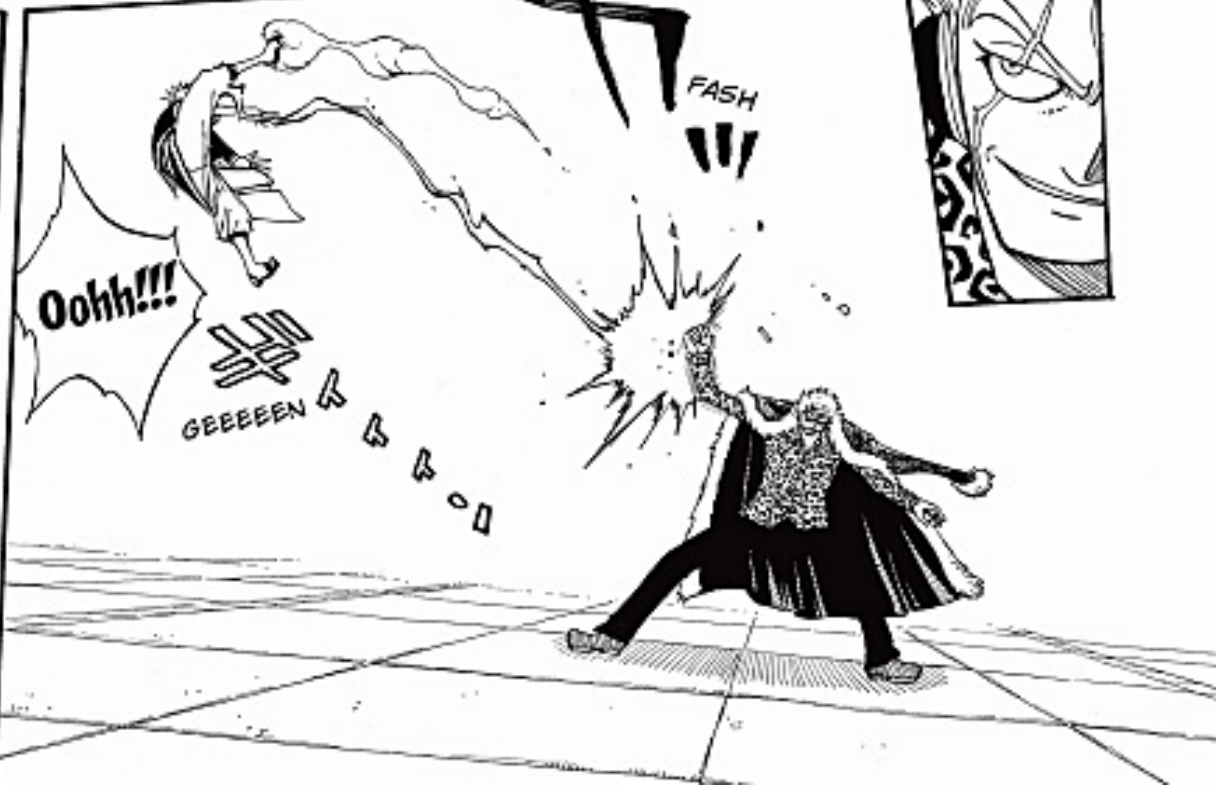




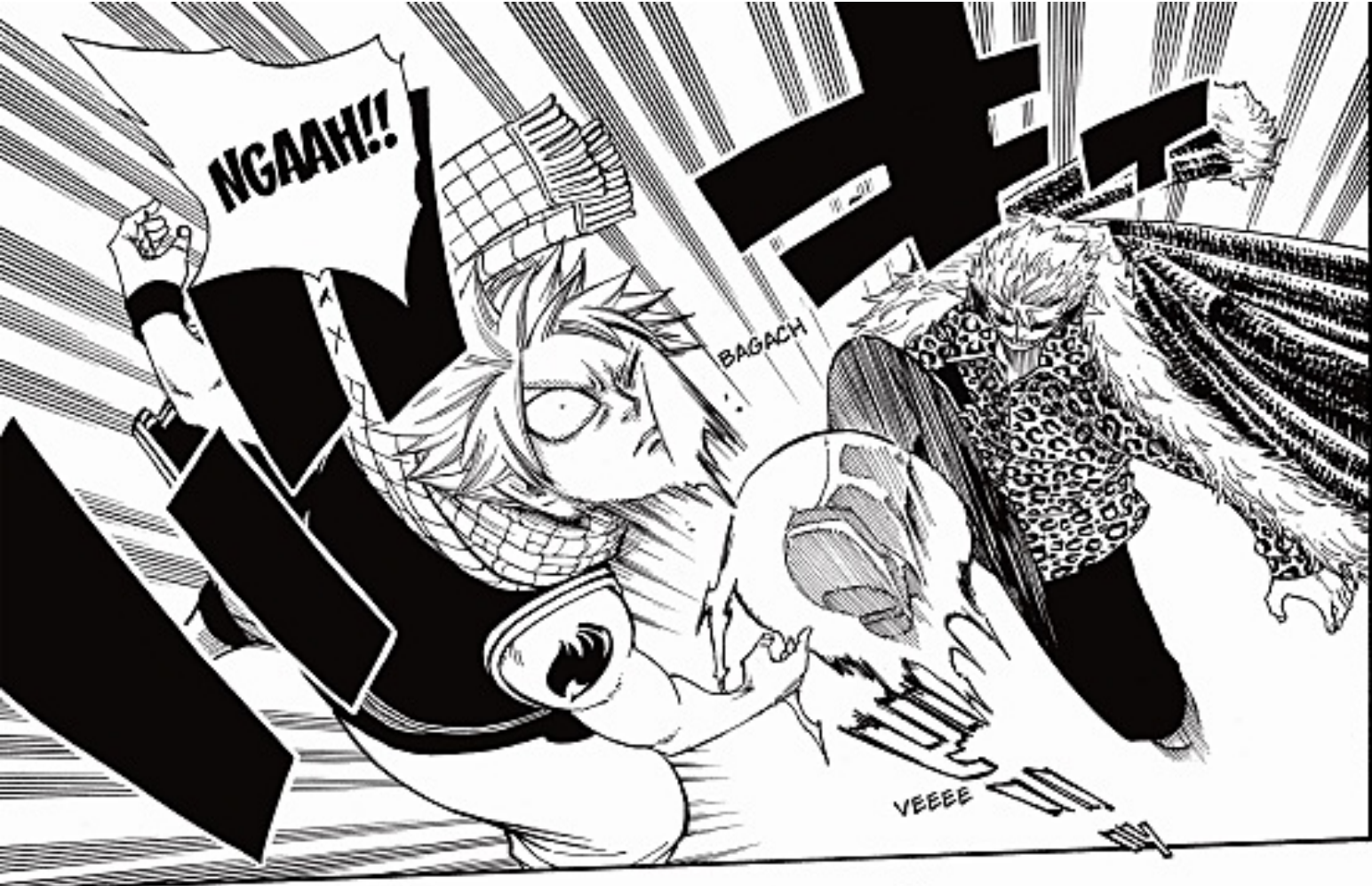




\*Talons of the Fire Dragon!!!!











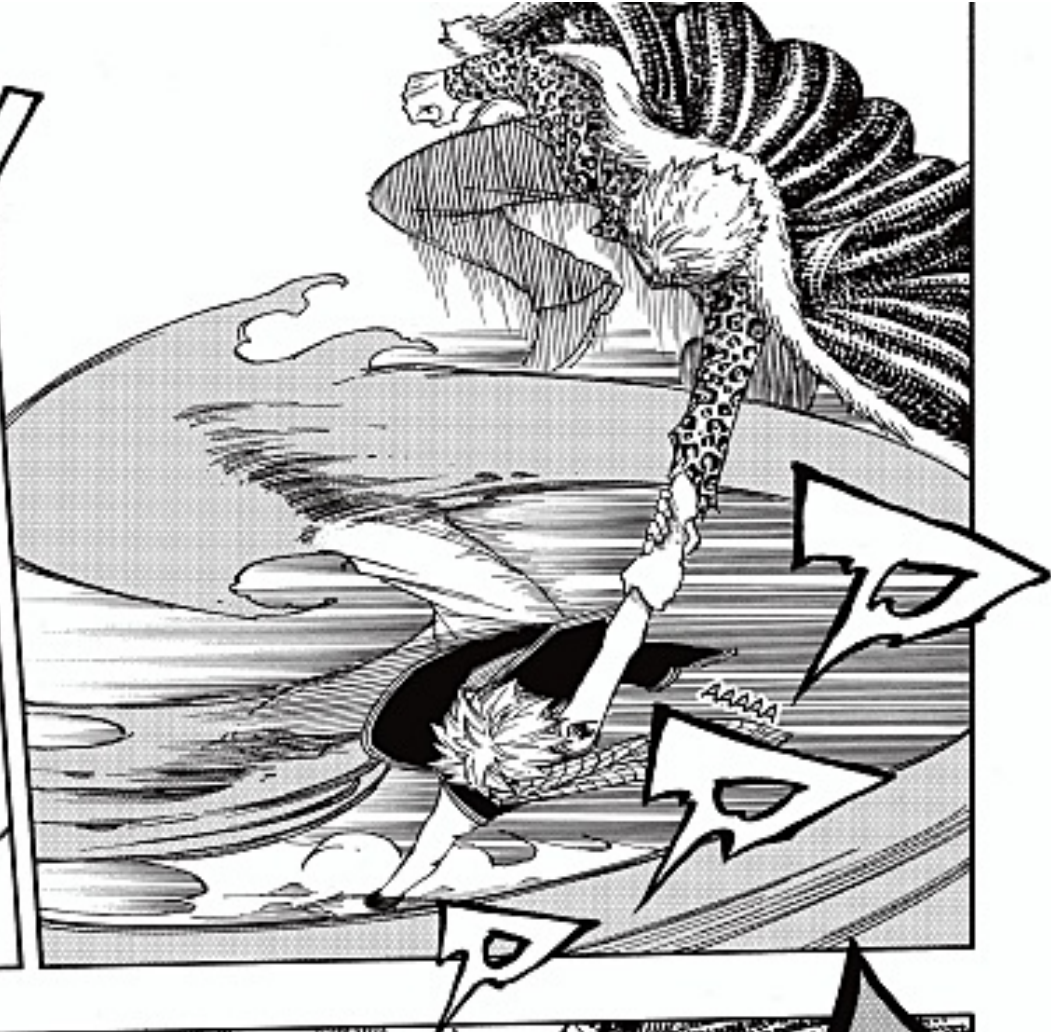




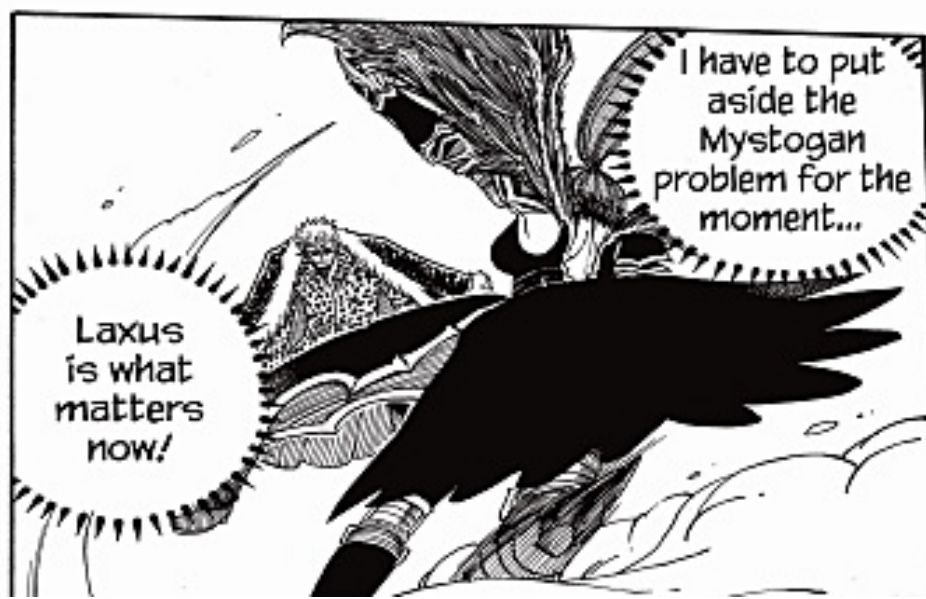












I have to put aside the Mystogan problem for the moment...







What are those things floating in the sky supposed to be, Laxus?!



Thunder Palace!  
You've heard of it, right?



Erza !!!

GAMPH





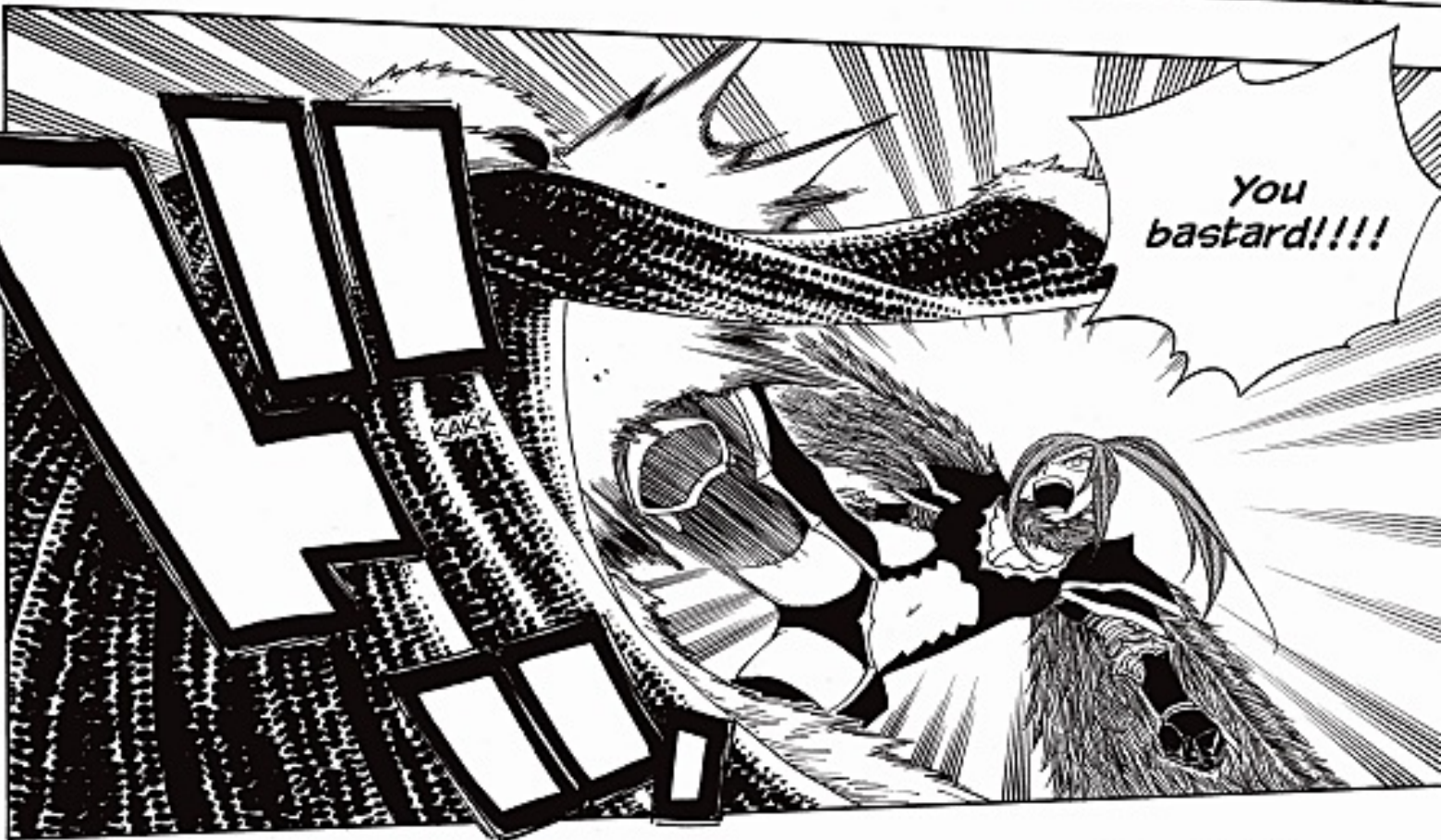
Even though  
it *pains* me  
to do it.

Heh heh heh...

Ha ha ha!  
Hey, it's  
the new  
rule!



You aren't  
actually  
planning on  
attacking  
the town, are  
you?!



*You  
bastard!!!!*



I can't!!  
Even if I tried,  
they'd kill  
me!!

*Natsu! Go  
and destroy  
all those  
lacrima!!!*



You only  
have two  
minutes  
left.

GRIMP









**Your  
Thunder  
Empress  
Armor?!!**

DOO OOM

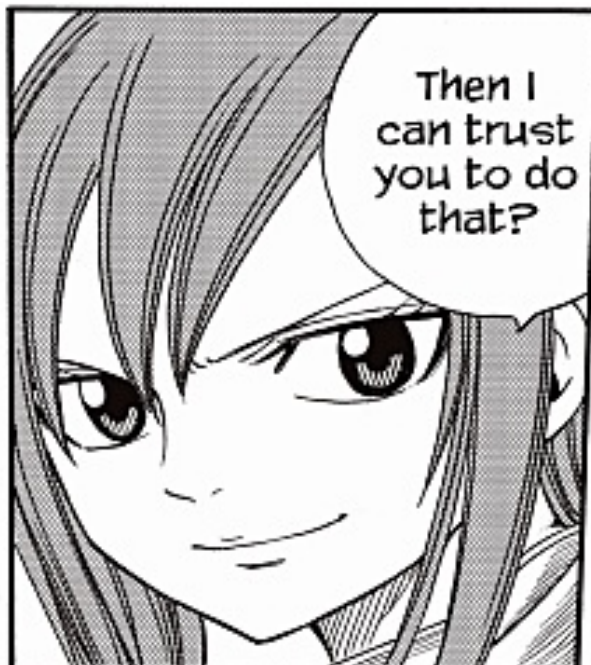
ZUSHHHH

I keep  
telling  
you, I'm  
gonna  
take him  
out!!

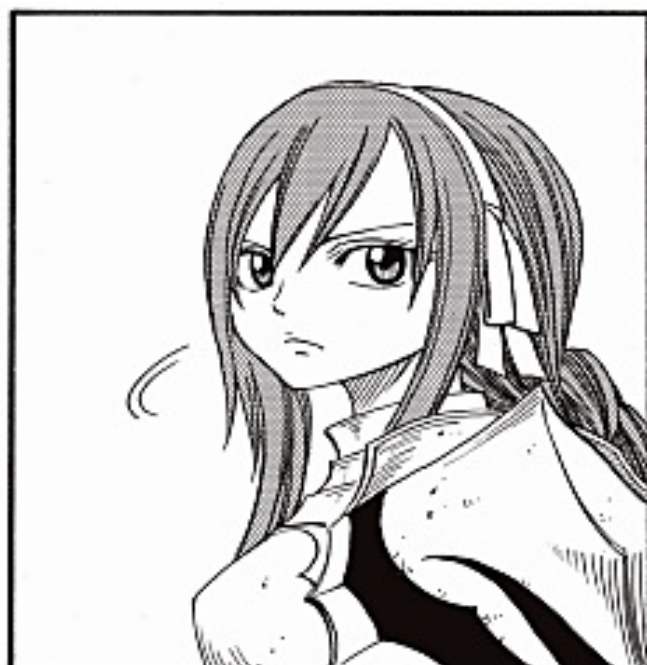
What's  
the deal,  
going after  
Lexus all  
serious?!

Humph! You  
think you can  
reduce the  
damage from  
my lightning  
attacks with  
that?!

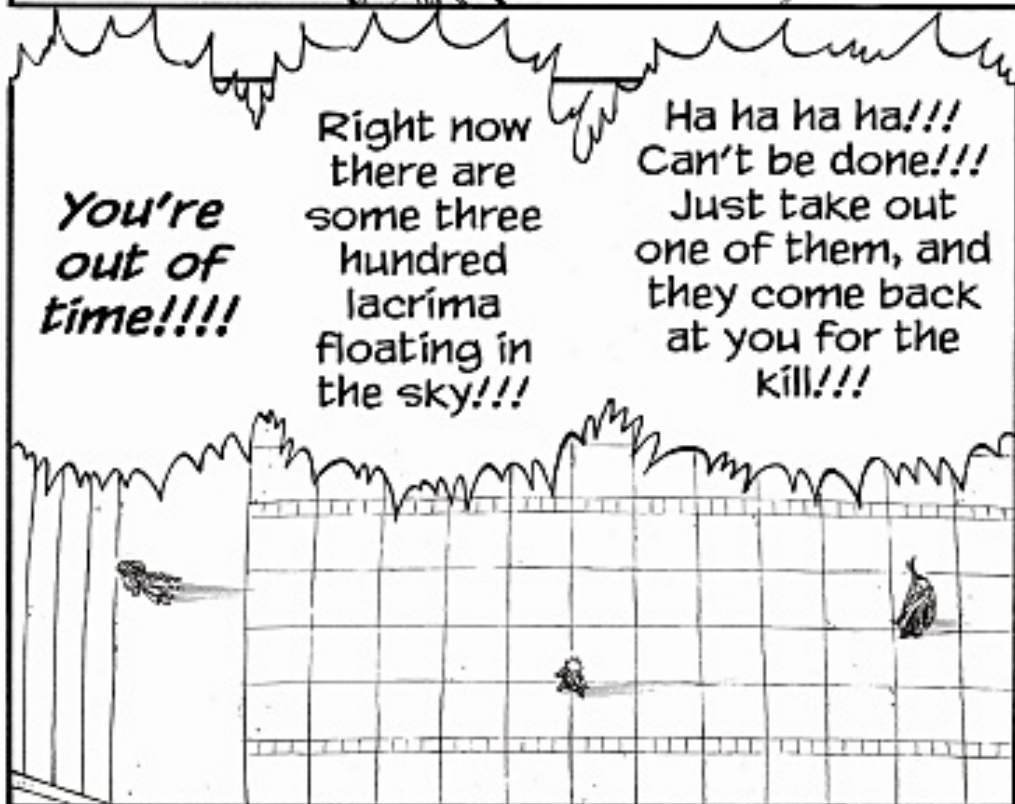




Then I  
can trust  
you to do  
that?



Huh?!



**You're  
out of  
time!!!!**

Right now  
there are  
some three  
hundred  
lacrima  
floating in  
the sky!!!

Ha ha ha ha!!!  
Can't be done!!!  
Just take out  
one of them, and  
they come back  
at you for the  
kill!!!



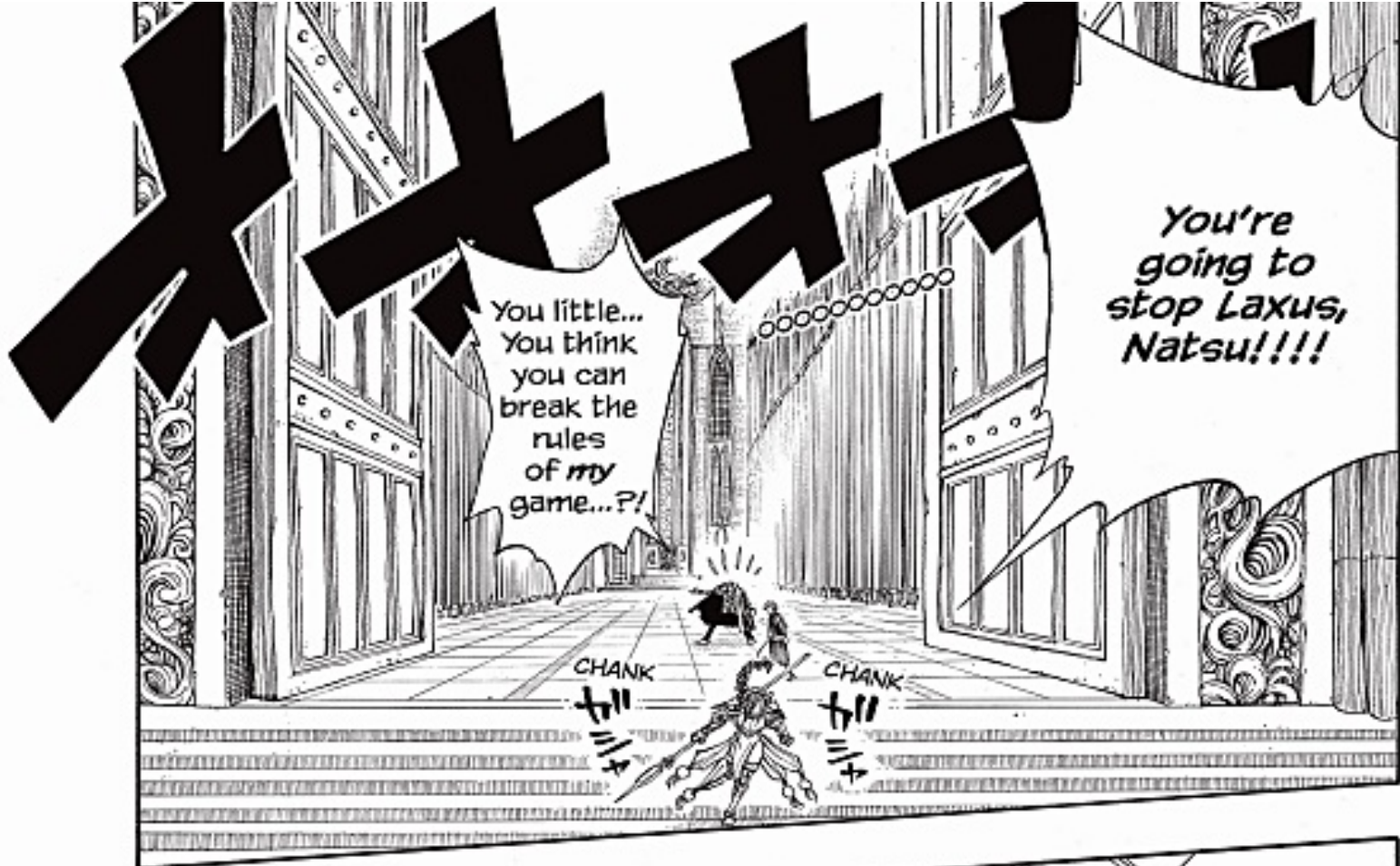
Wait! You  
aren't  
going to  
try to stop  
Thunder  
Palace...?







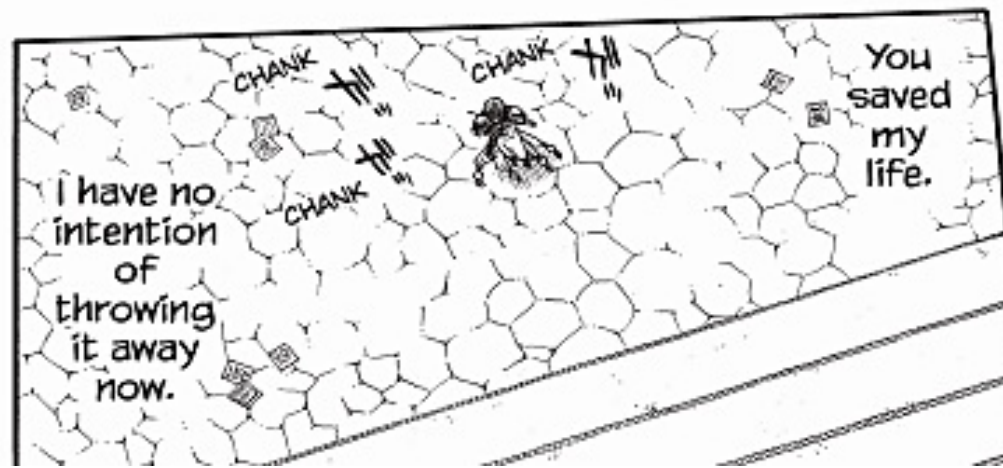








*I'm  
talking  
about  
trustin'  
you to  
stay  
alive!!!!*



I have no  
intention  
of  
throwing  
it away  
now.

You  
saved  
my  
life.





*Karyû  
no...*



*Dam-  
mit!!*



*Hôkô\*!!!!*

*Ern...*

*DWOOD*

*\*Fire Dragon's Roar*







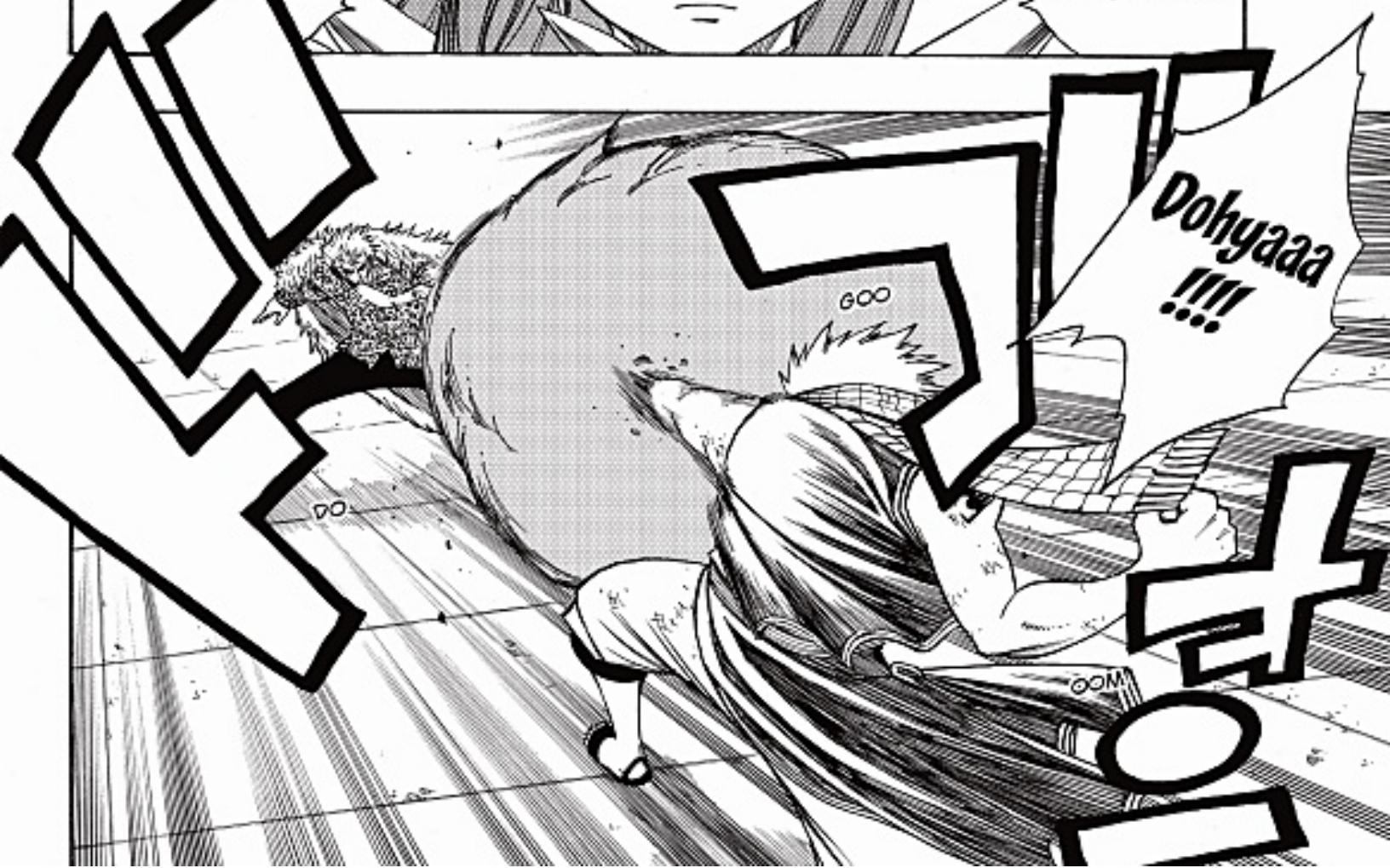


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## Chapter 122: The Lonely Thunder Clap











*Just how  
watered-down  
and worthless  
this guild is  
now!!!*

*Even  
you're not  
so thick  
as to  
miss it  
Natsu!!*



*But to change it, I gotta become the master!!!*

*I'm here to change the guild!!!*



*But to change it, I gotta become the master!!!*

*I'm here to change the guild!!!*

Don't you care what's gonna happen to the town?!!!

What are you waiting for, old man?!!!

Don't you care what's gonna happen to the town?!!!

What are you waiting for, old man?!!!



One minute and 30 seconds until Thunder Palace fires.

He is not going to let the Thunder Palace fire.



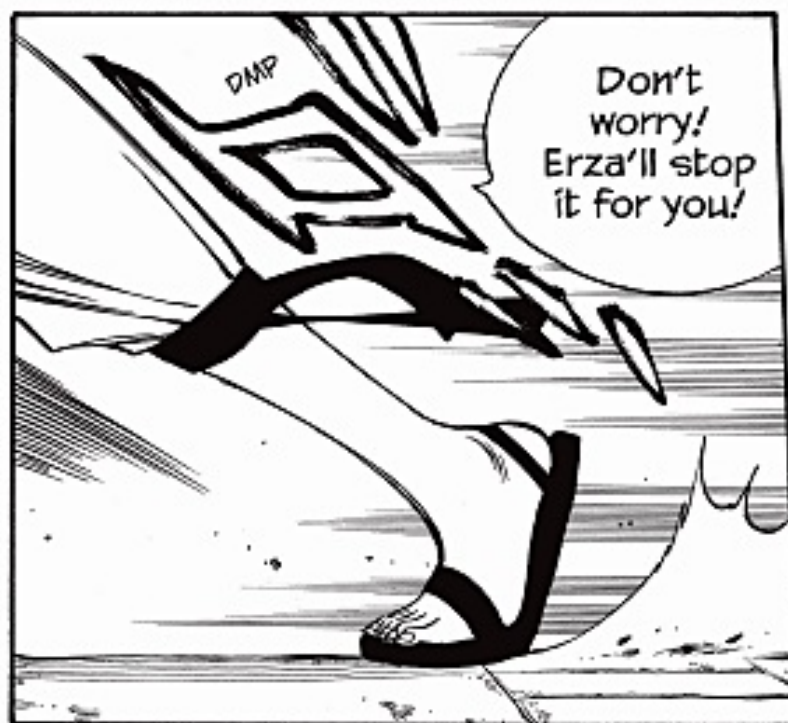
One minute and 30 seconds until Thunder Palace fires.

He is not going to let the Thunder Palace fire.





You got nothing to gain by breaking the town to pieces.







*I guess  
it's gotta  
be hard to  
live your  
pig-headed  
life!!!!*

**Lexus!!!!**



B-GYAAAAA

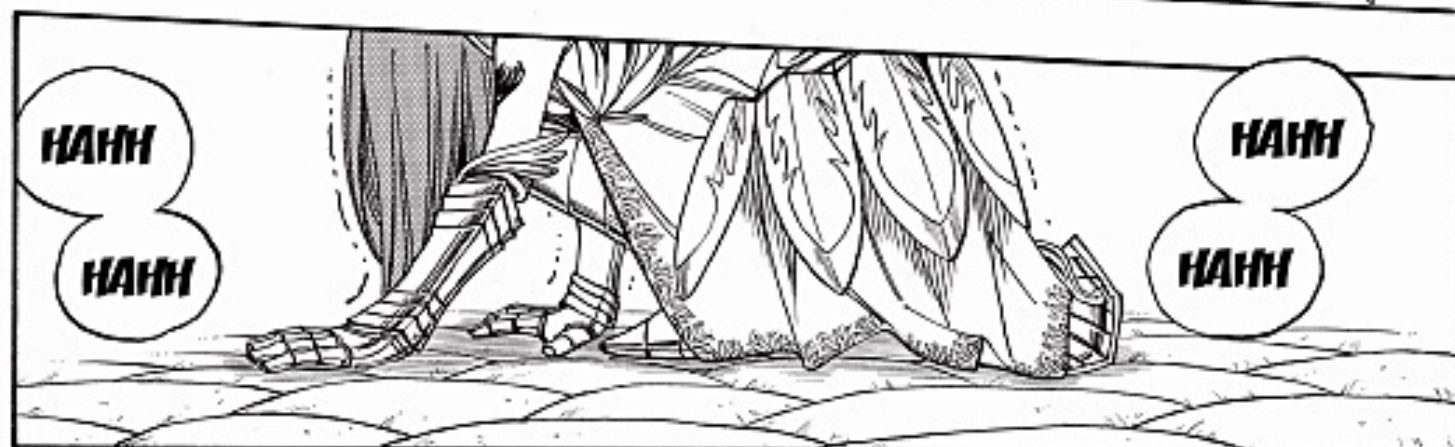
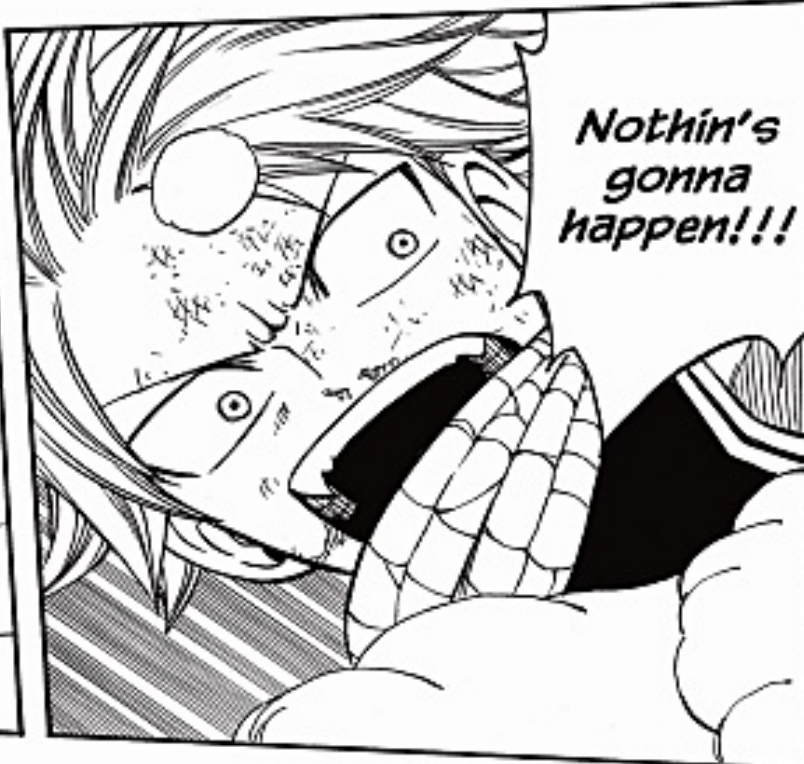
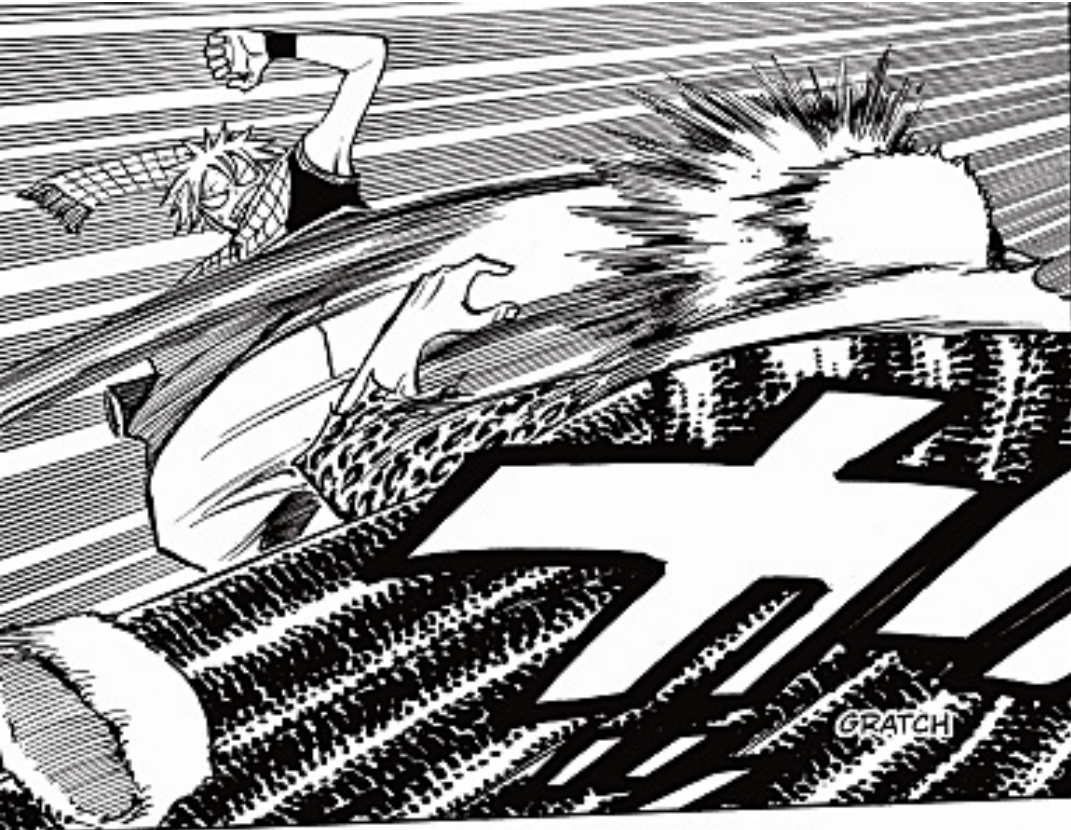
You know  
nothing,  
you big-  
mouthed...!!!!



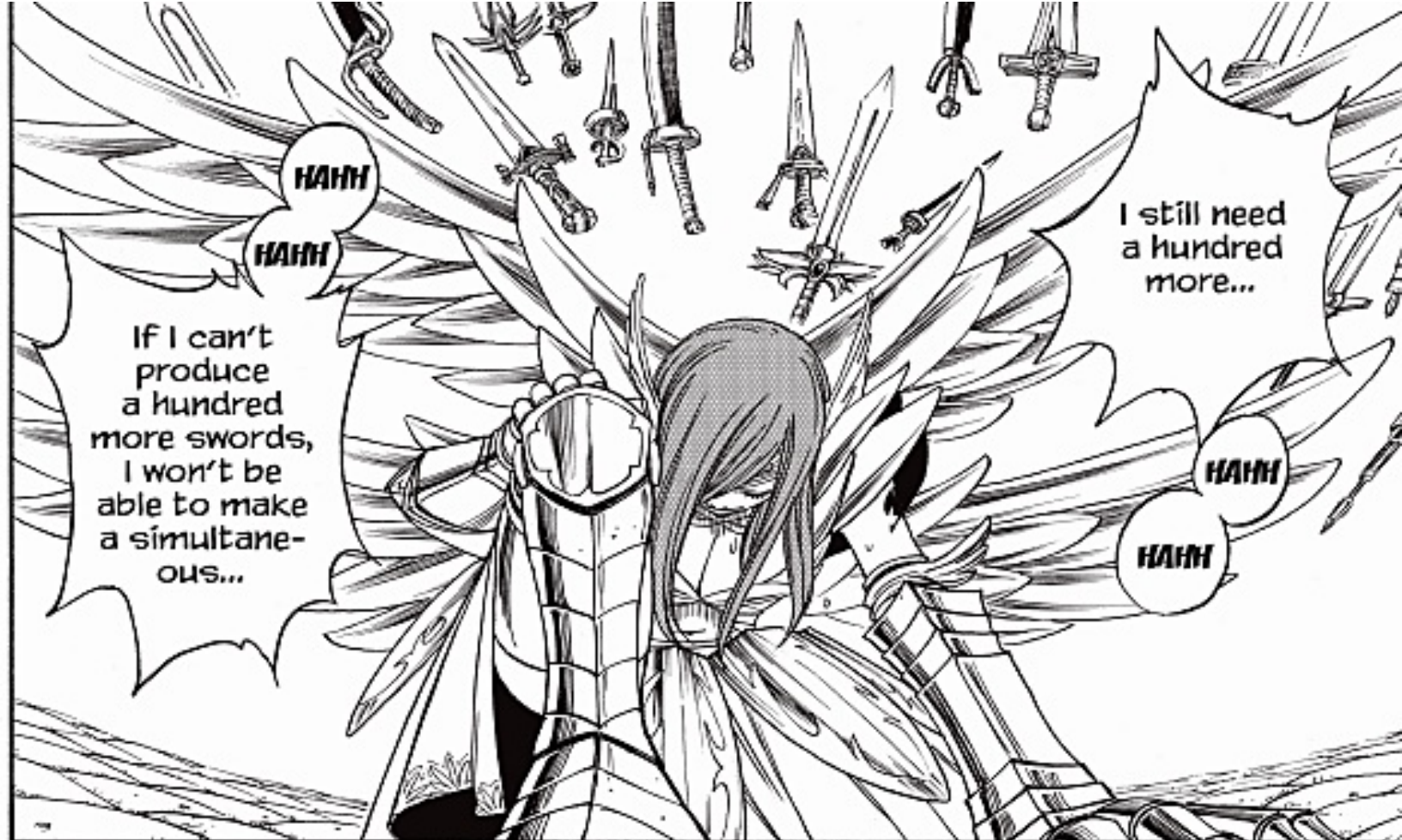
















Everybody  
who's down,  
get up  
now!!!

It's  
telepa-  
thy...?



Warren?!



Every one  
of you,  
listen to  
me!!!



Anybody still  
battling, break  
it up at least  
for now!!!

What is  
this? A voice  
in my  
head?



The  
sky, he  
said...

What  
is  
that...?



Warren?

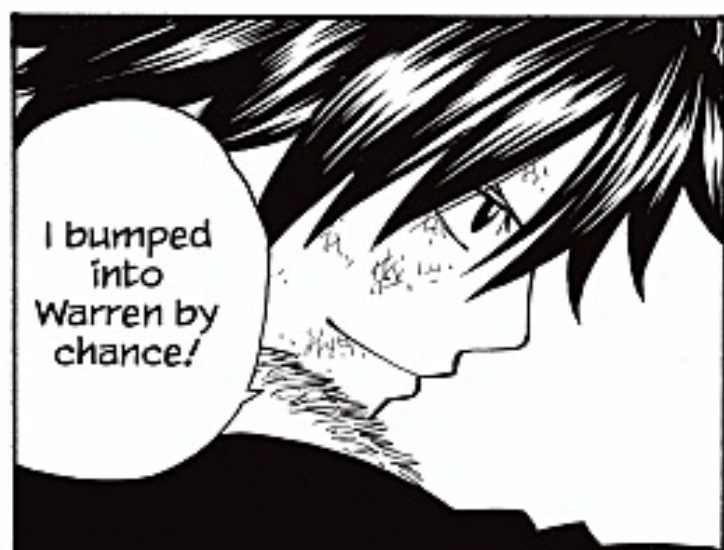


PEEP  
PEEP

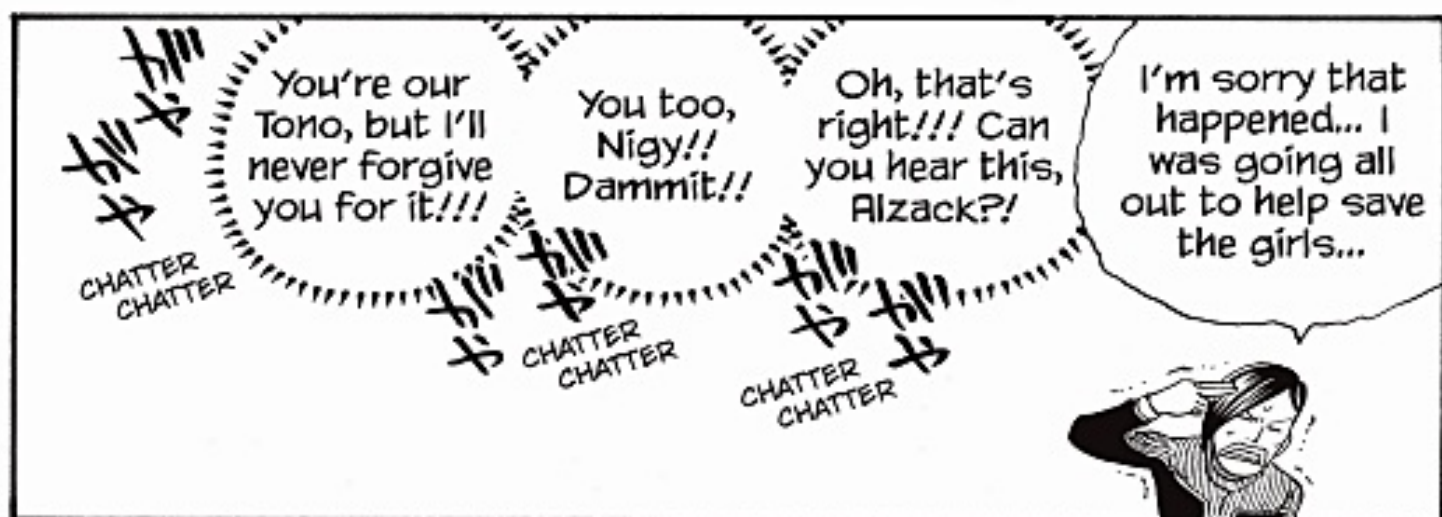
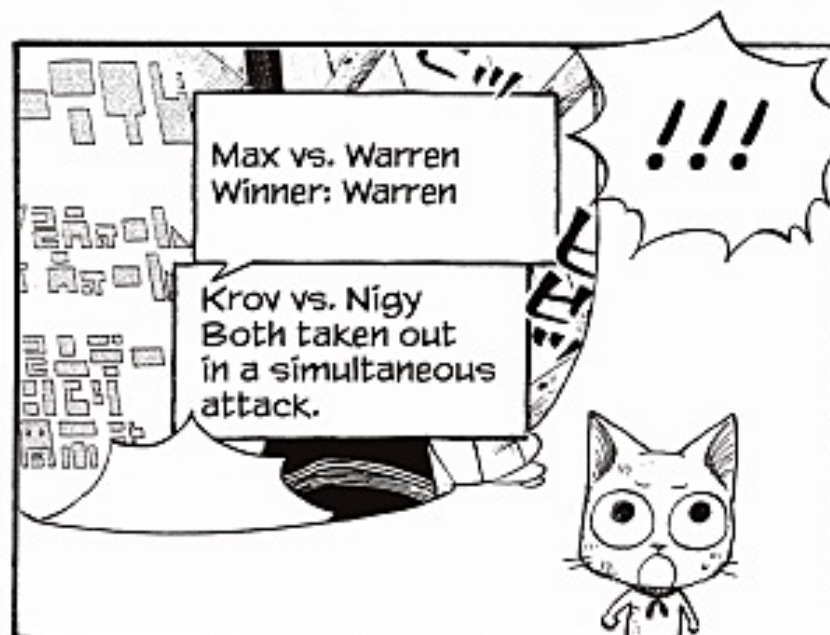
All of them,  
without exception,  
are going to attack  
the town!! They're  
Lexus' magic!!  
We're out of time!!!  
We all have to do  
this!!!!

Those things in  
the sky are magic  
about to rain  
down destruction  
on everything!!!!













*Save  
your petty  
arguments  
for after!!!!*

*You got no  
right to say  
anything!!!!*



N-No!! They  
have Organic  
Link Magic  
on them...

We're out of  
time here!!!!  
Just destroy  
those things in  
the sky!!!





Are you  
sure, Lucy?  
It's going  
to hurt!

Let's go  
do this,  
Happy!!

Even  
if it hurts,  
let's go!!

What's  
that,  
Wakaba?!!  
Don't go  
putting on  
airs, old  
man!!!!

Macao,  
you can't  
handle  
this!!!  
Sleep  
this one  
out!!!!

Visitor, you  
bastard!  
Don't move  
from where  
you are  
now!!!!

You'll get  
yours after  
we tear  
those things  
down!!!!

All of you...

Don't  
leave a  
single  
one!!!!

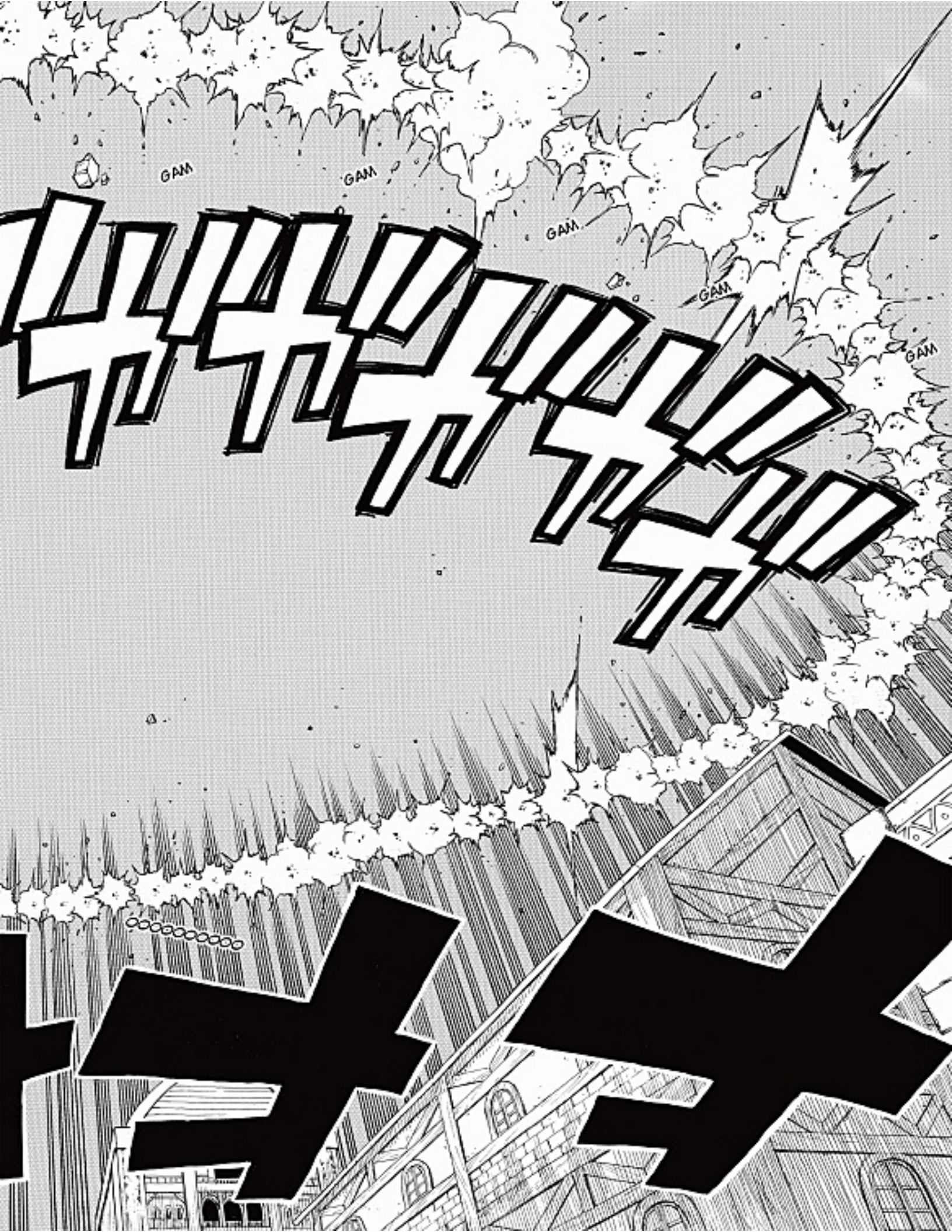
You  
focus on  
destroy-  
ing all  
the ones  
to the  
south!!!

I'll take  
the two  
hundred  
to the  
north!!!!

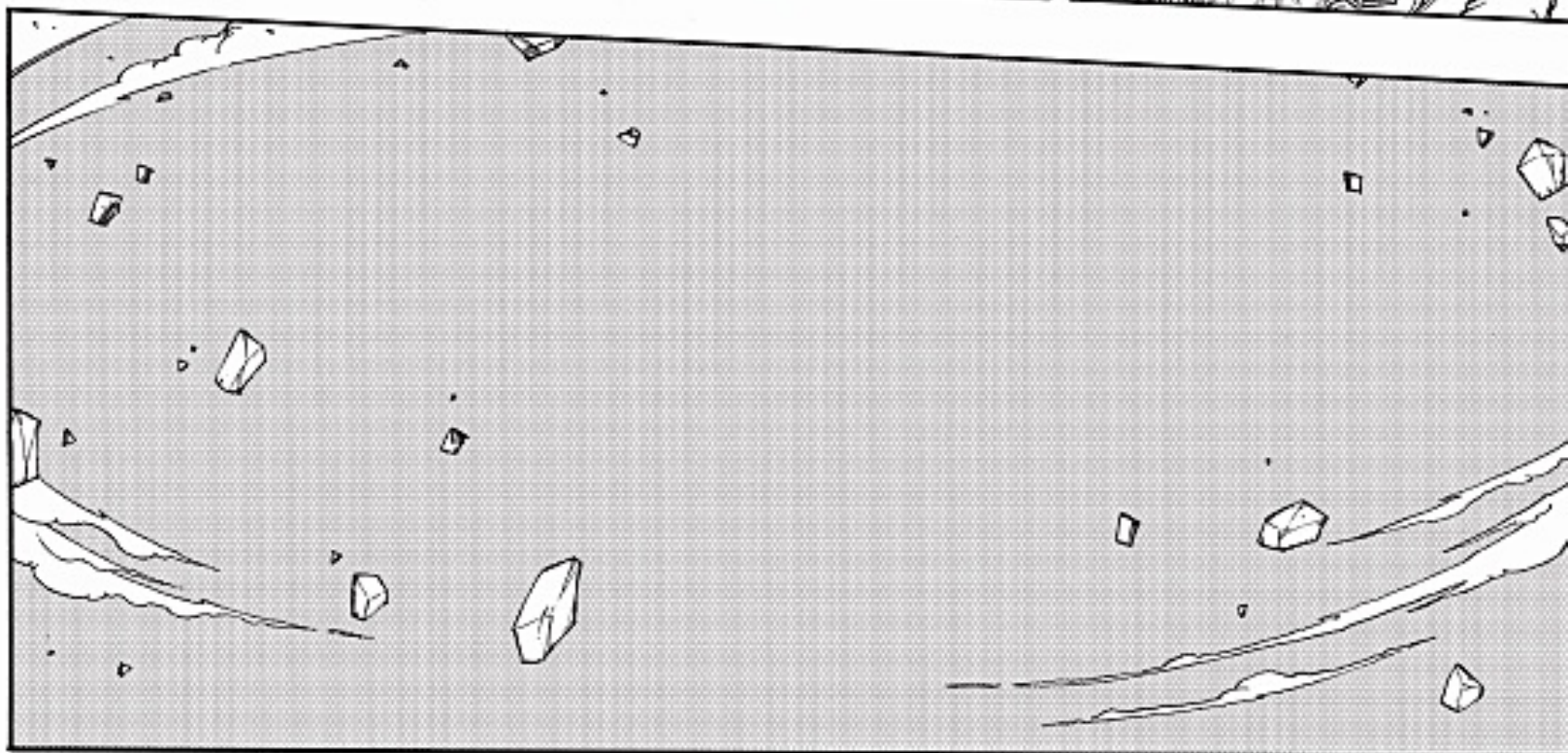
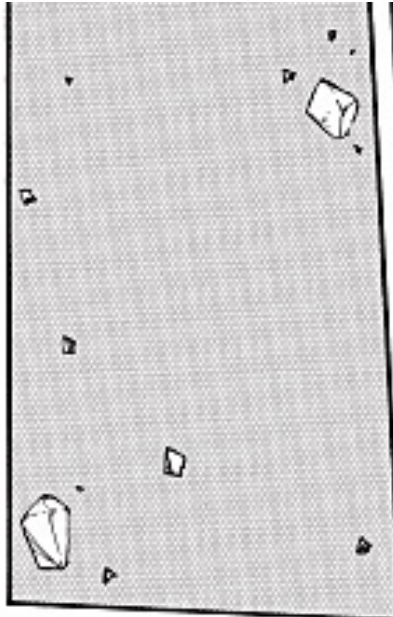




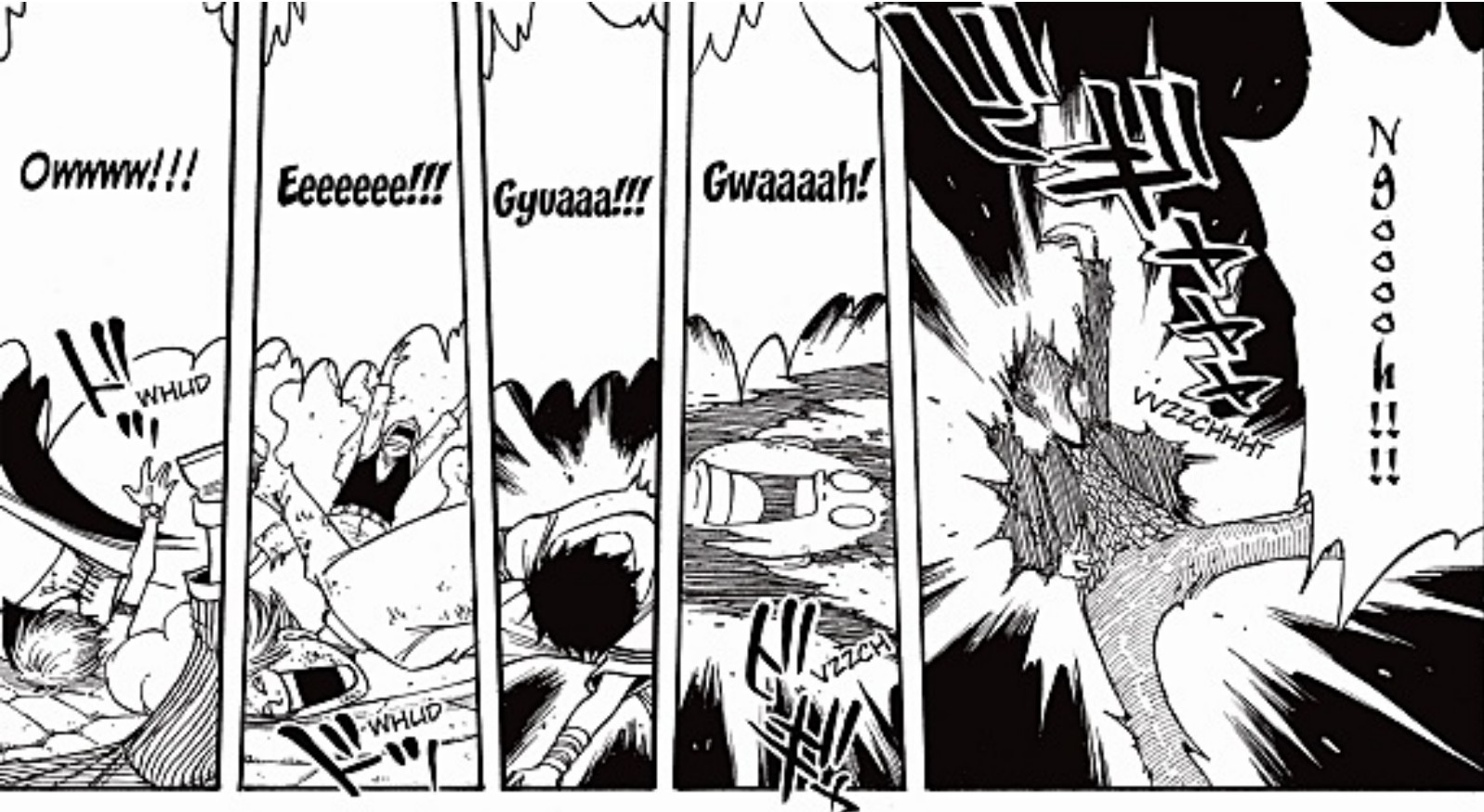












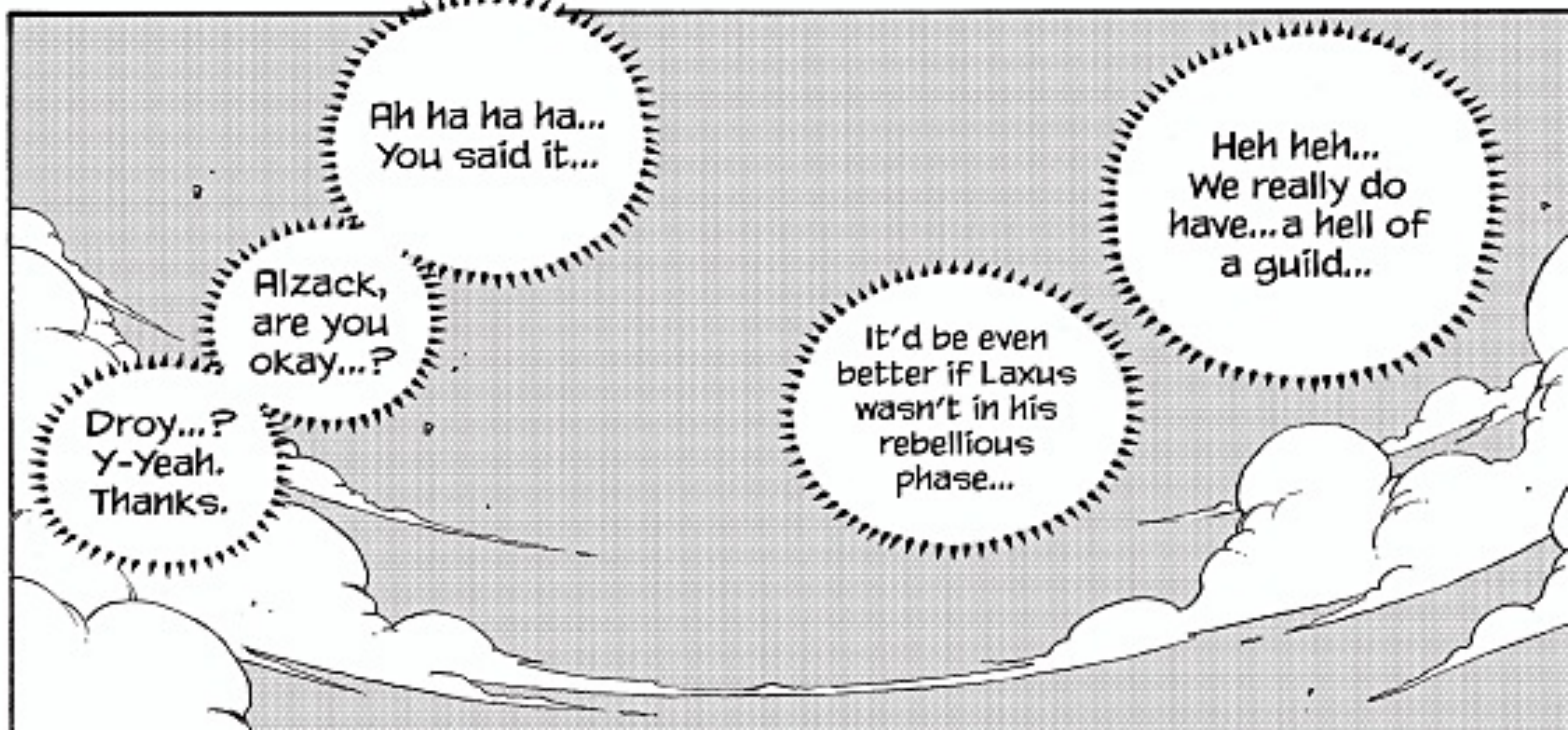




I honestly...  
don't believe...  
just how out-of-  
control you all  
are...



Yeah...that  
goes for  
you too, you  
know...



Ah ha ha ha...  
You said it...

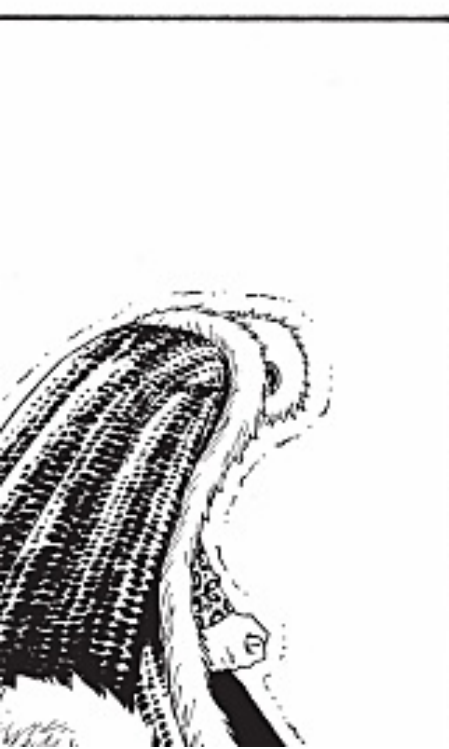
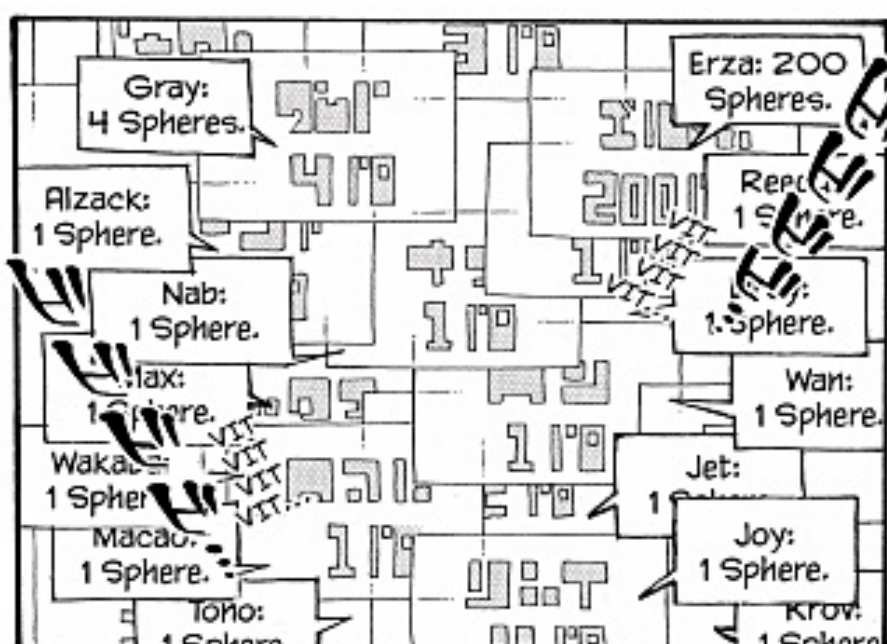
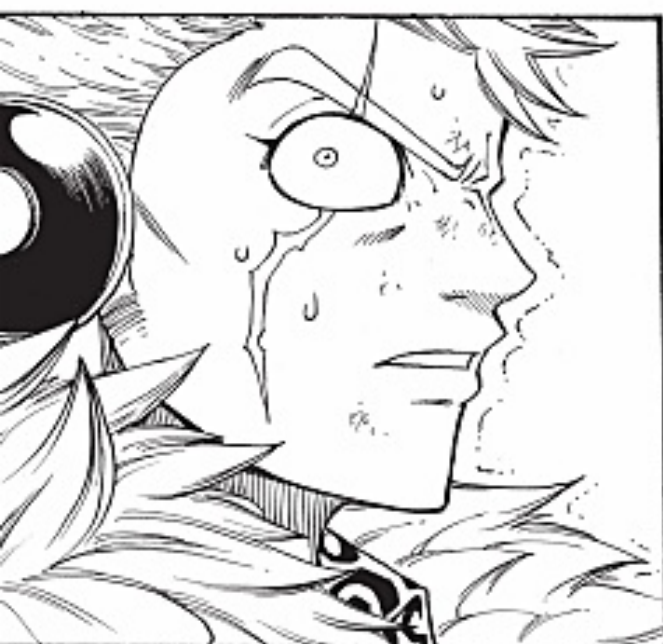
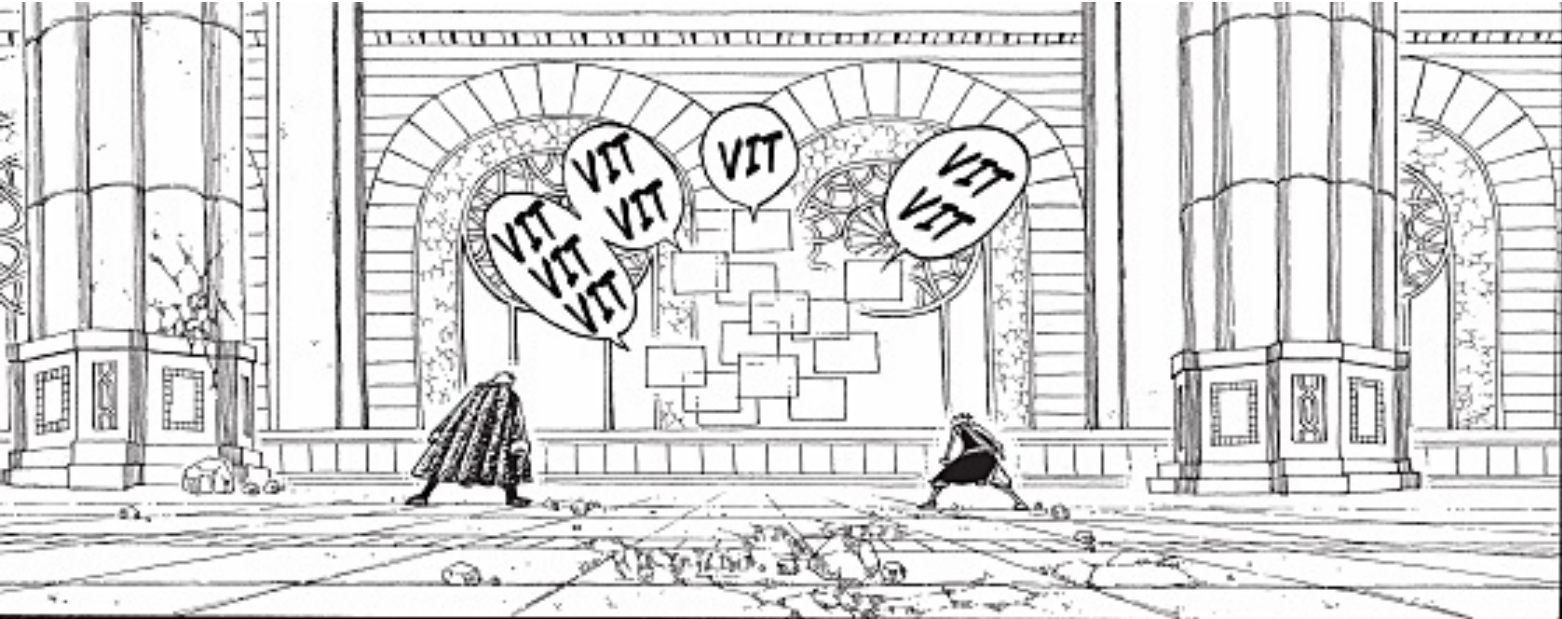
Alzack,  
are you  
okay...?

Droy...?  
Y-Yeah.  
Thanks.

It'd be even  
better if Laxus  
wasn't in his  
rebellious  
phase...

Heh heh...  
We really do  
have...a hell of  
a guild...





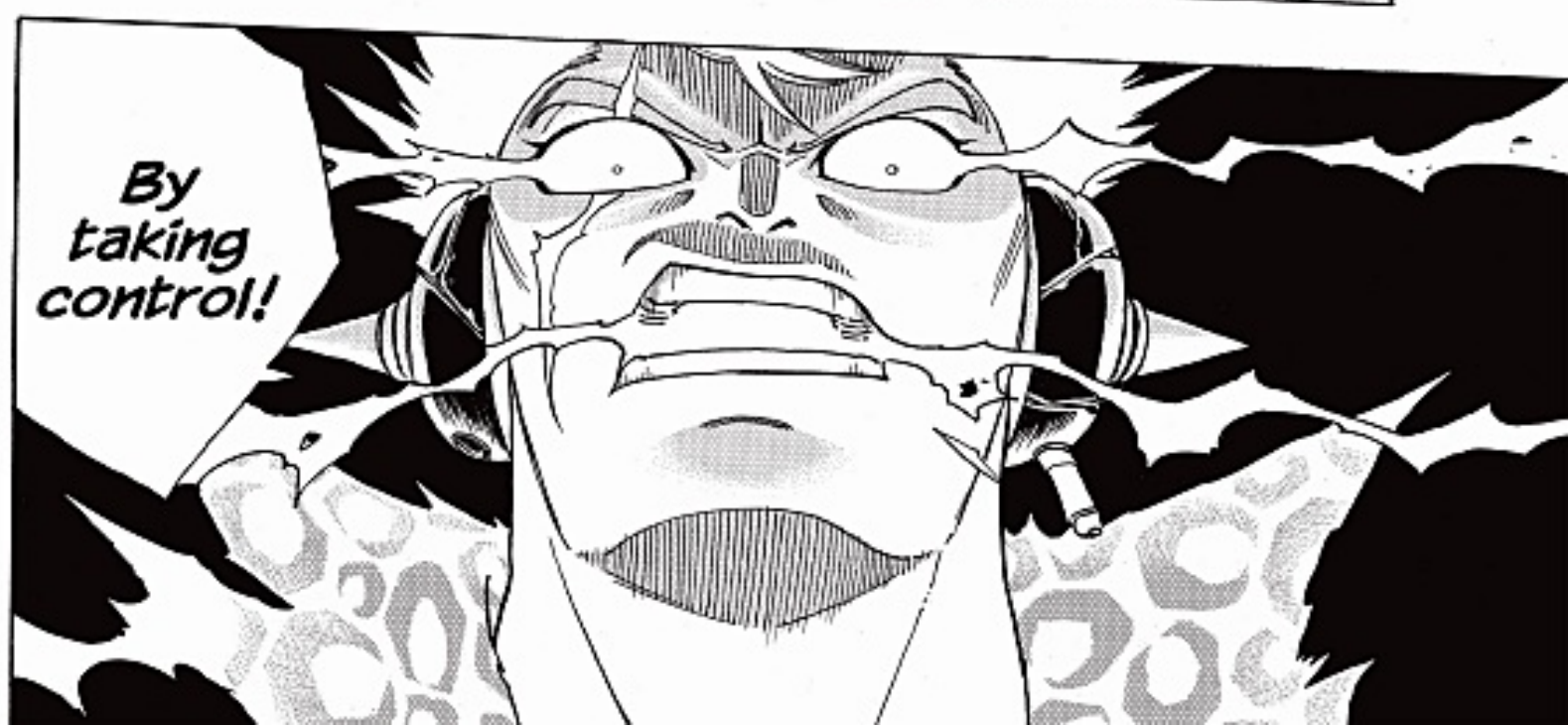
So how's a guy who doesn't show any interest in that circle supposed to become Master?



All these people are part of the same circle of buddies.

So where's this guild you think needs changing so much?!







# FAIRY TAIL

## Chapter 123: Double Dragon







You're never  
going to get  
control of Fairy  
Tail now!



Cut  
the crap,  
Lexus!

Yes...

I never  
needed  
these  
tactics  
from the  
start...



I will...





I should  
have just  
trusted  
everything  
to my  
power!!!!

Unstoppable  
power is my  
very identity,  
you know!!

...you can  
finally give  
up, right,  
Lexus?!!!

So when  
I break  
that power  
down...

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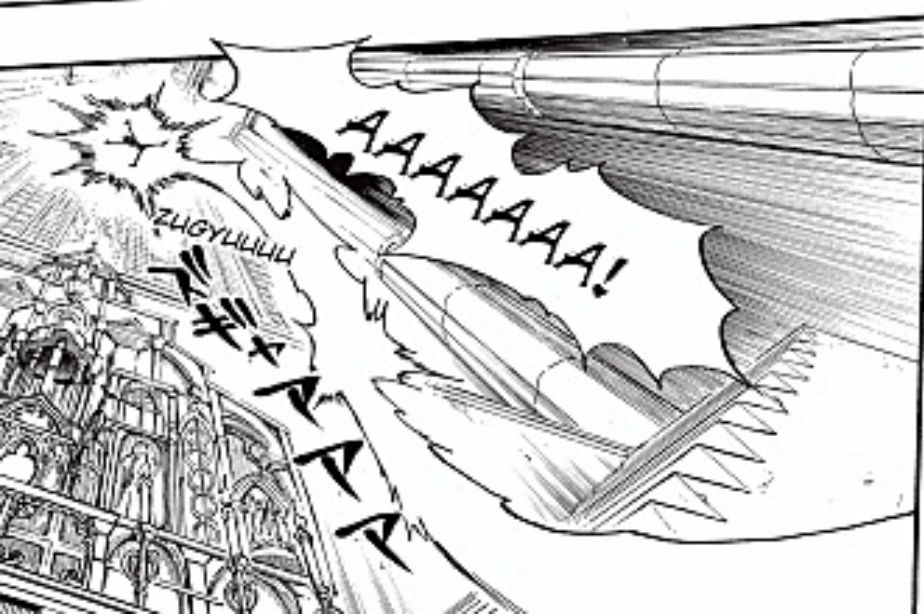




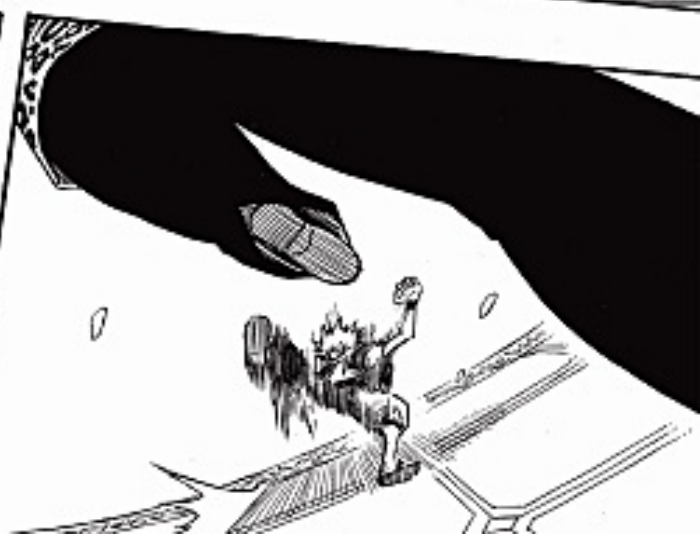
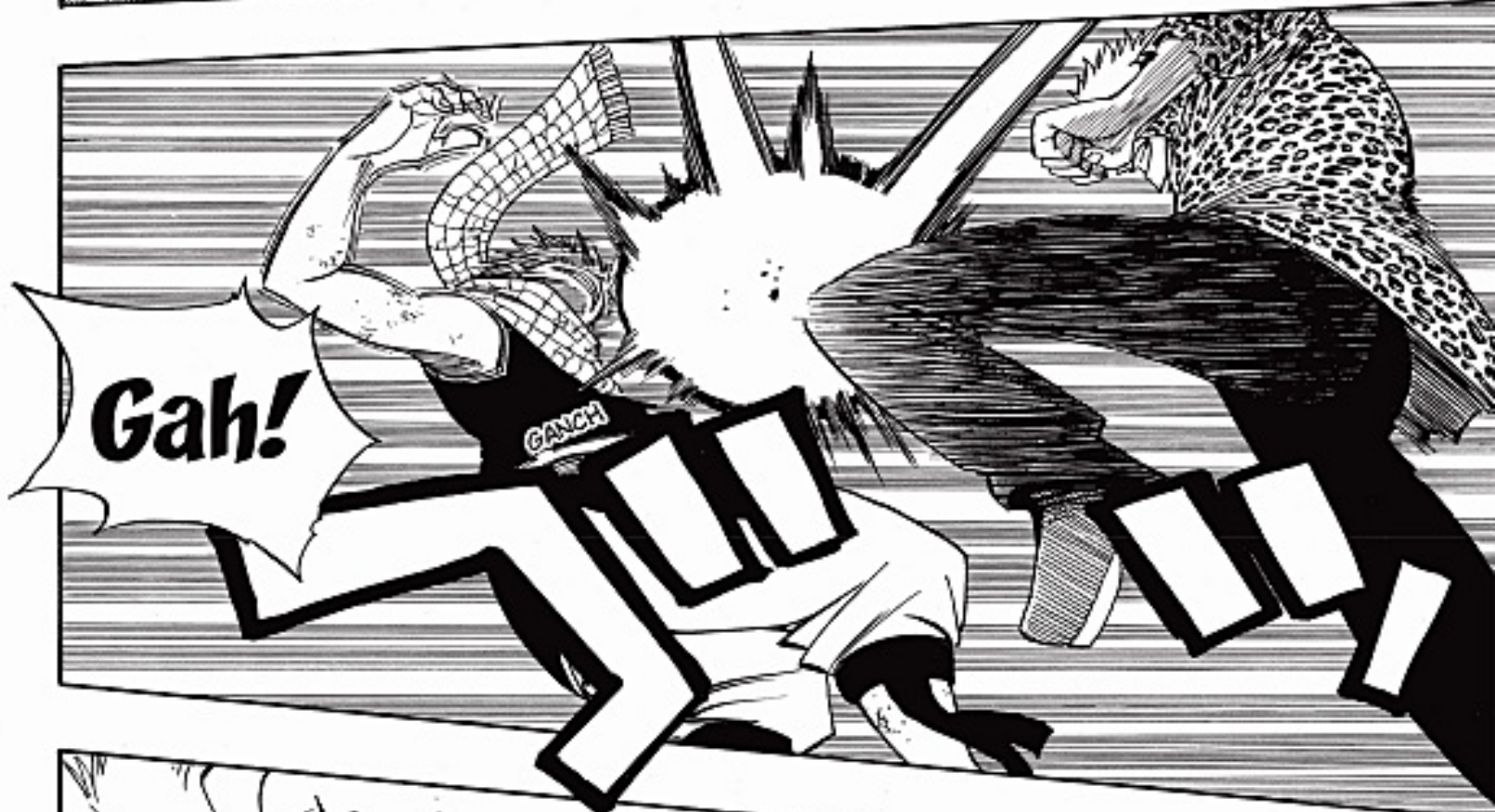
\*Fire Dragon's Iron Fist



























***Raging  
Bolt!!!!***



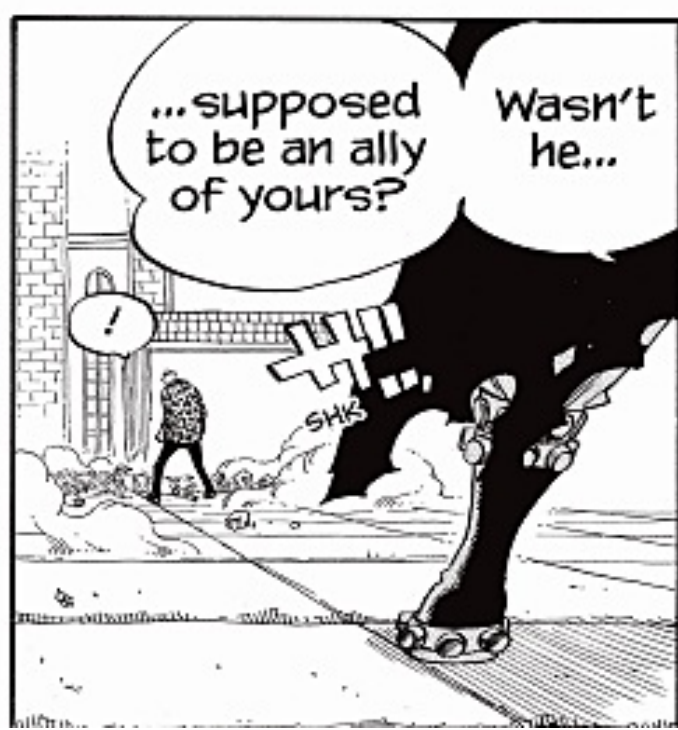














DOO

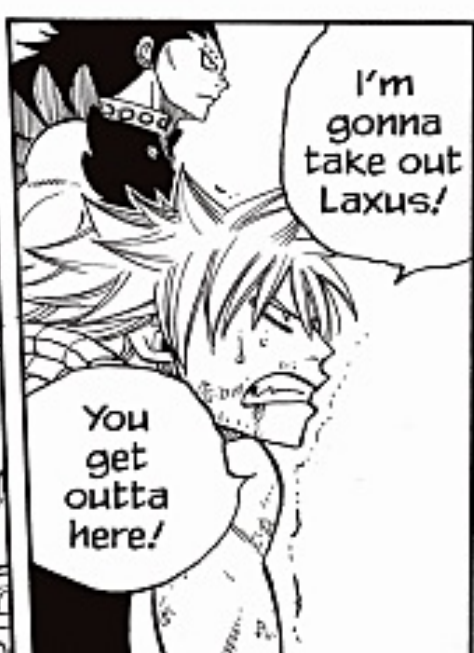
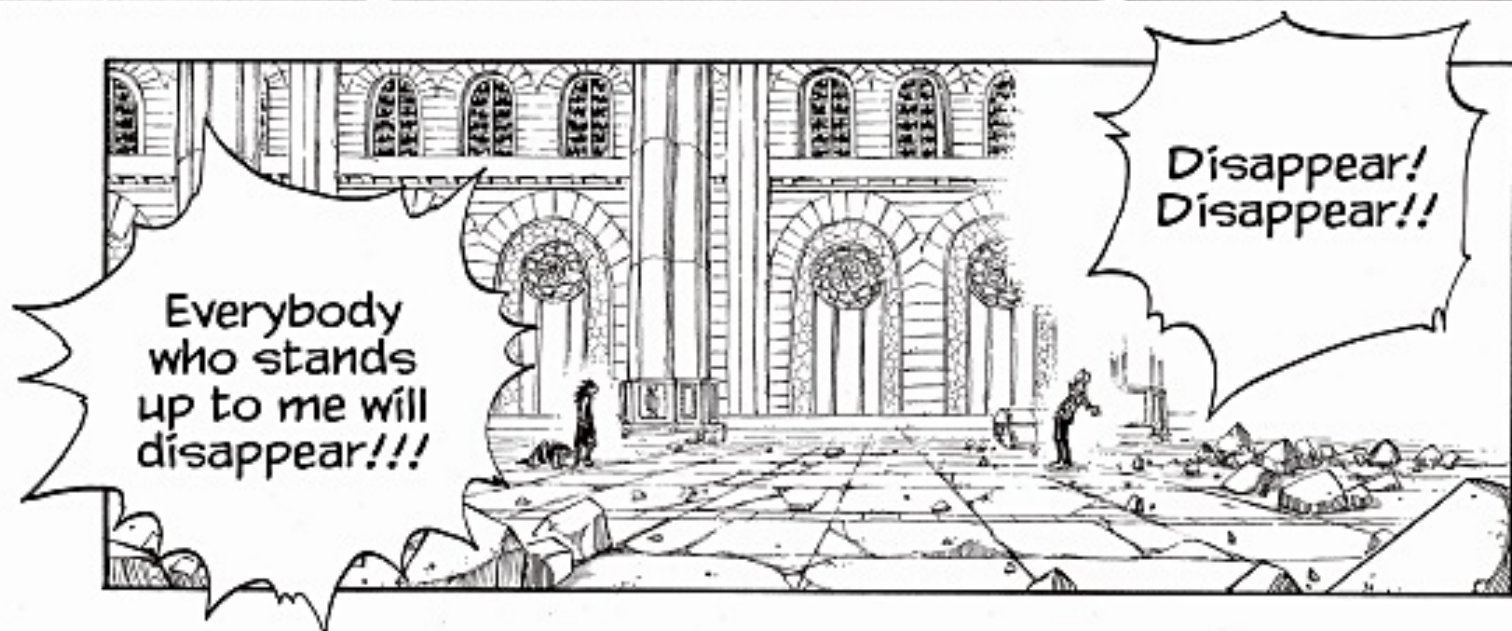
Well... It's true that he ain't blown to dust yet.

That's cause blowing him away is *my* job.

OOM















Do you got any idea what'll happen if we *don't* stop him here?!



Everybody else was taken out by the Thunder Palace's revenge blast.



He's the enemy of the whole guild!!!! The only way to protect the guild is to stop him for good!!!!



What's it to anybody if I wanna protect it or destroy it?!

Wait?  
You wanna protect the guild?



It'll only ever happen this once!

You bet your butt!!  
I got a battle to fight with you later!!



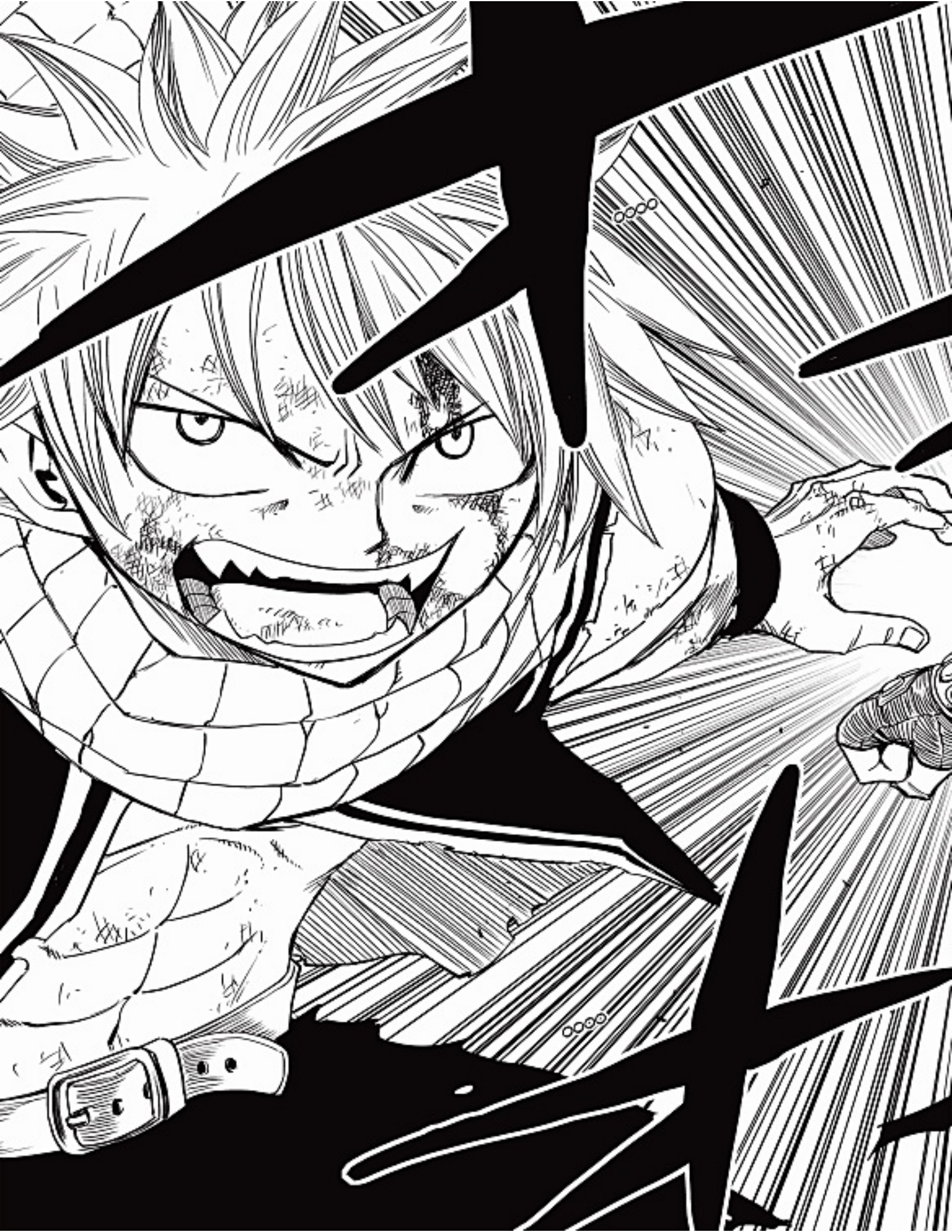
There ain't.

But with all the damn lightning, I can't fly through the sky like I want.



I thought there wasn't room in the sky for two dragons.









*Let's do  
this!!!*







# FAIRYTAIL

## Chapter 124: Triple Dragon











\*Fire Dragon's...















Hyoooooooo!!!



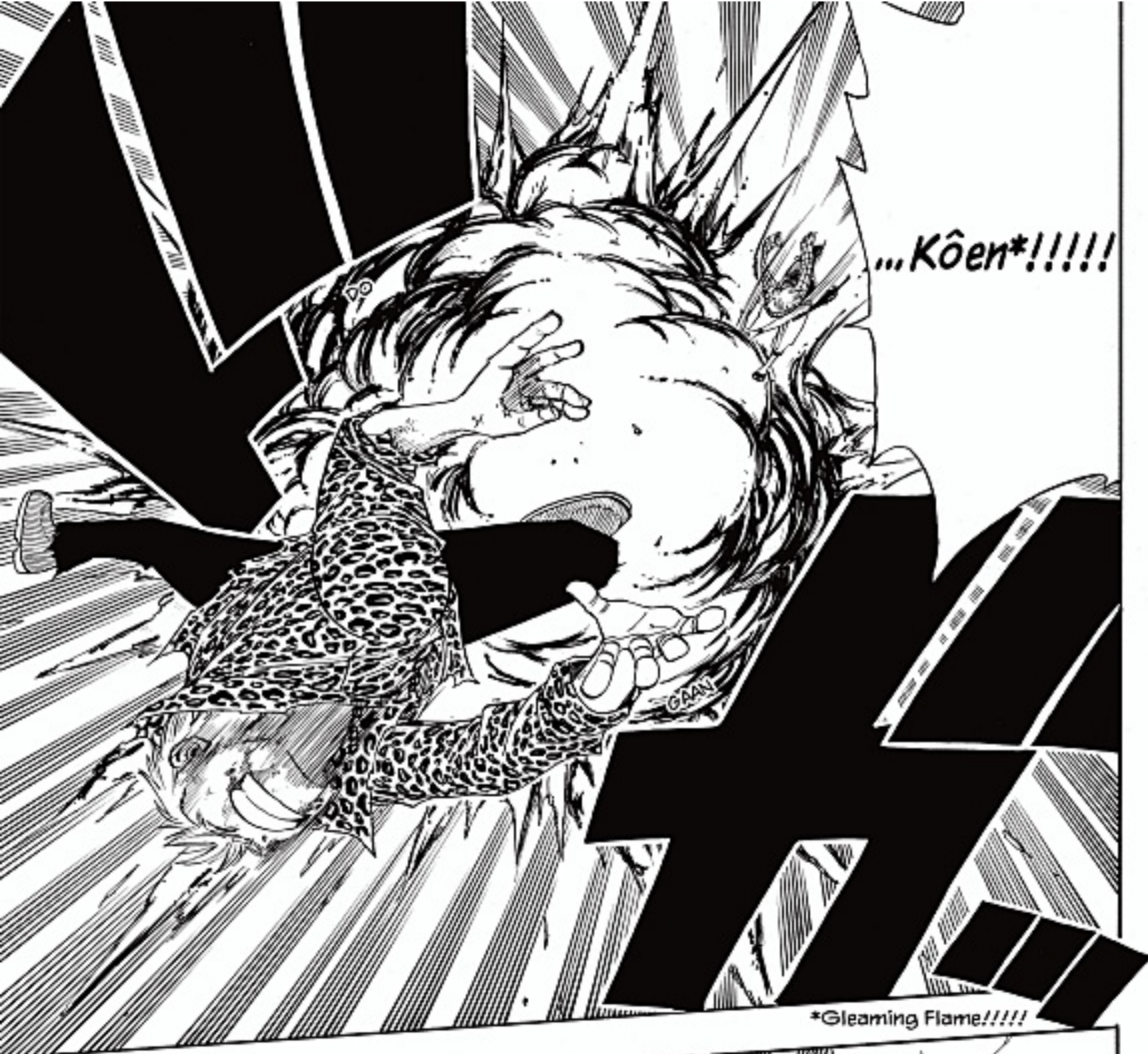
\*Fire Dragon's...



Karyû  
no\*...











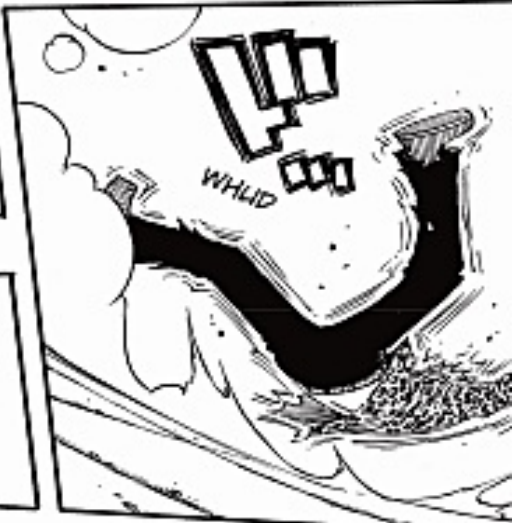
...Kishin\*!!!!

\*Demon Logs!!!!



Karyû  
no\*...

\*Fire Dragon's...



\*Iron Dragon's...



Tetsuryû  
no\*...

SSSSST

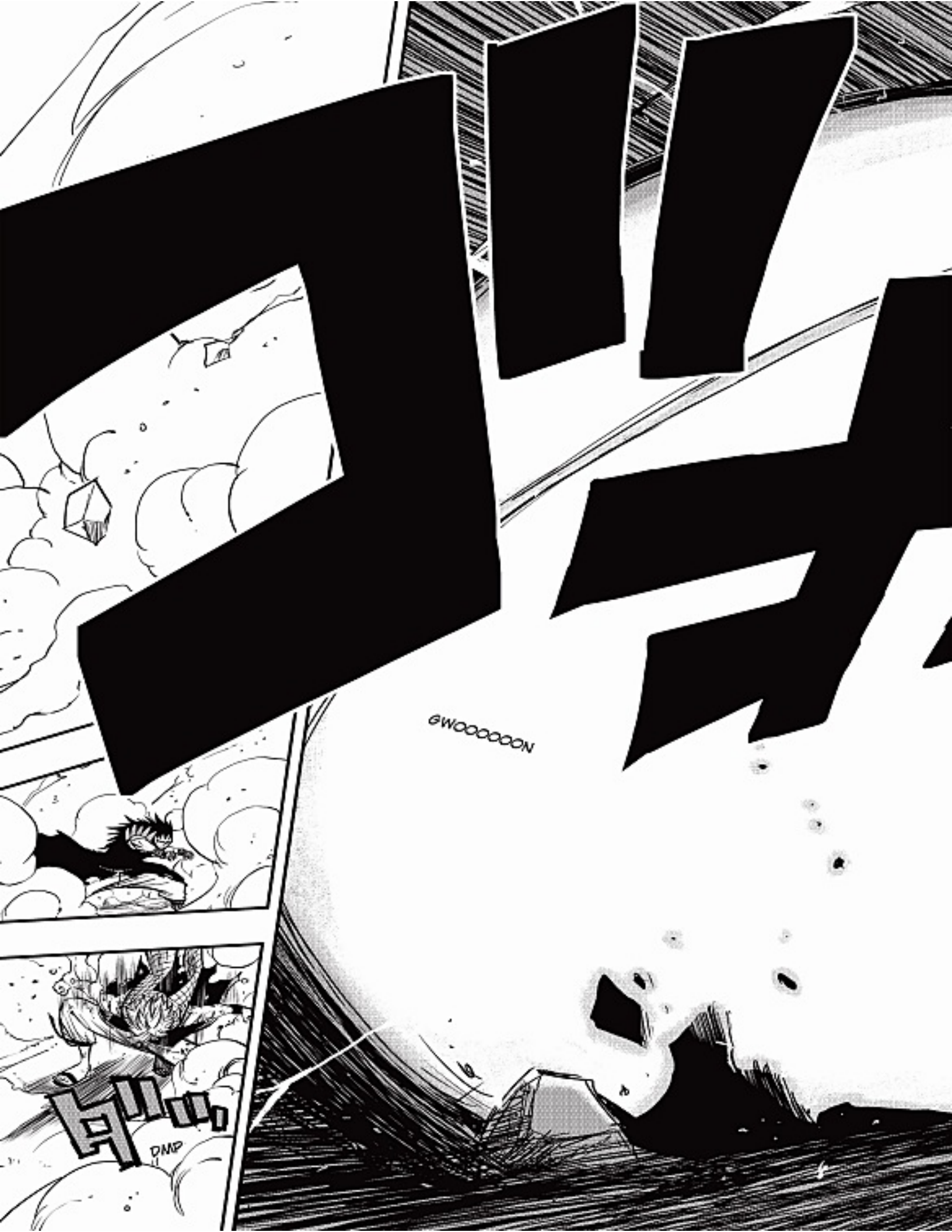




*...Hôkô\**  
**!!!!**

*\*Roar!!!!*





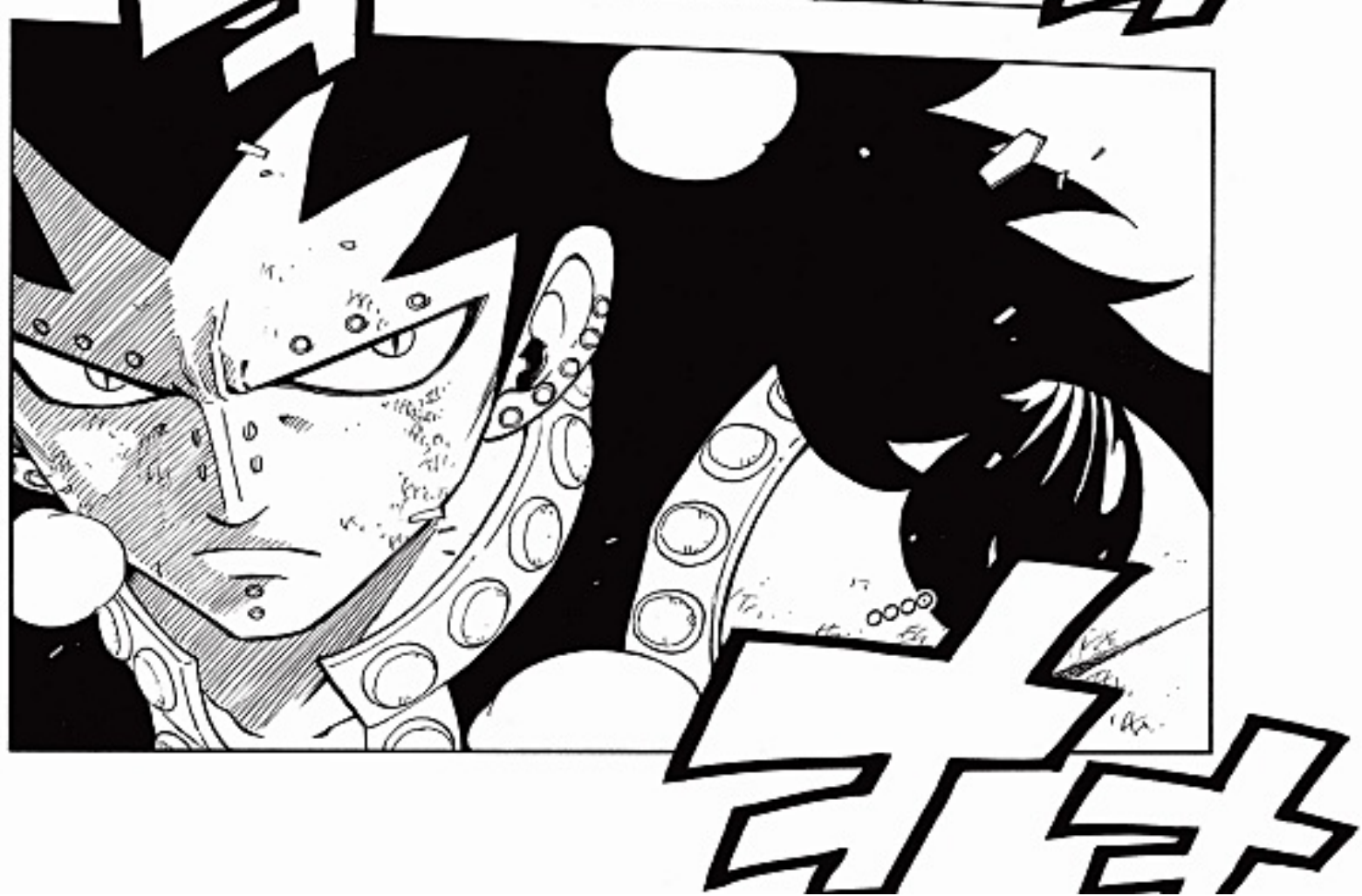
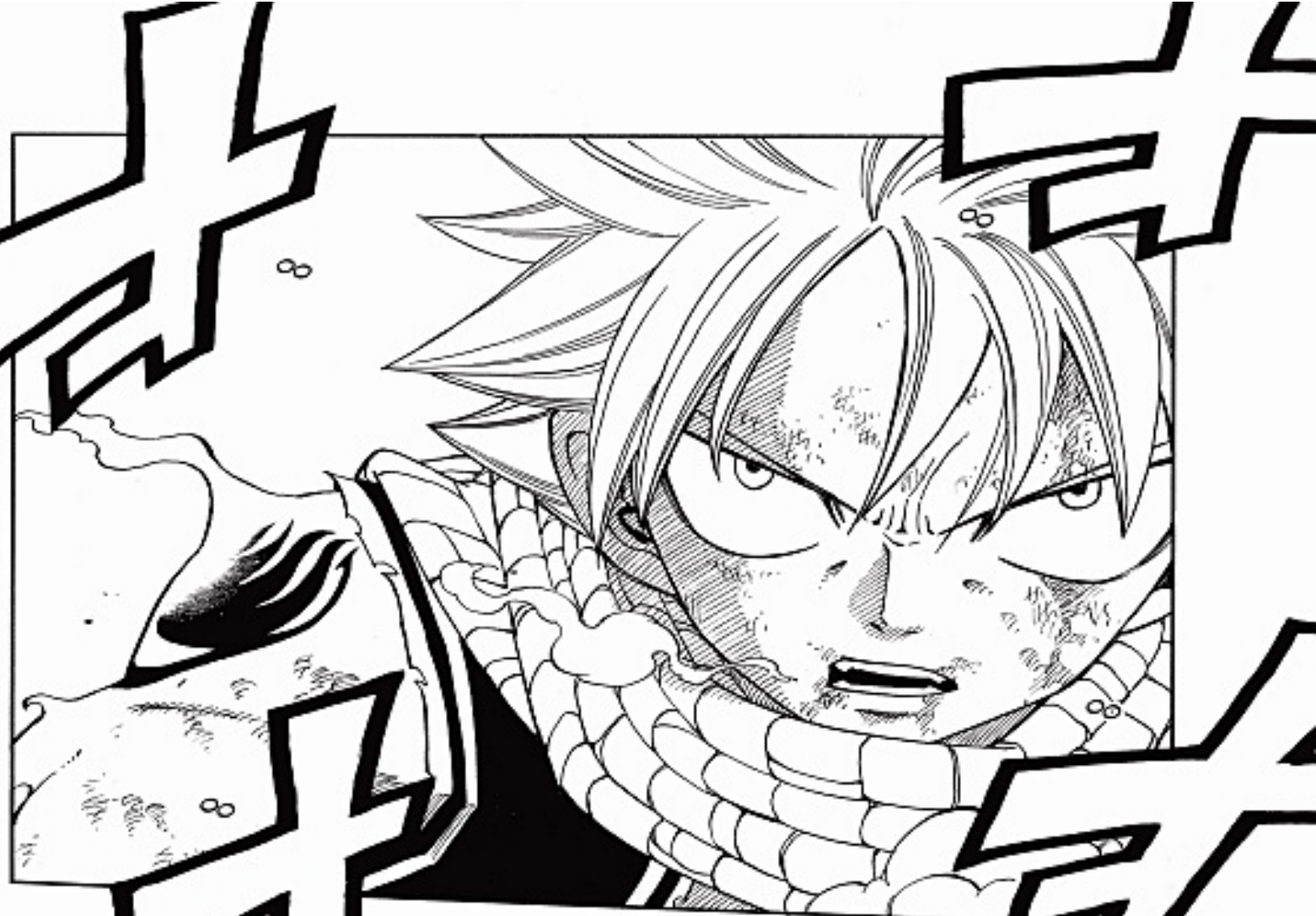
GWOOOOOON

ガッ  
DMP





















\*Lightning Dragon's...







**Lexus!!!!**

**You were  
a dragon  
slayer  
too?!!!**

**\*Roar!!!!**



**Hôkô\*  
!!!!**





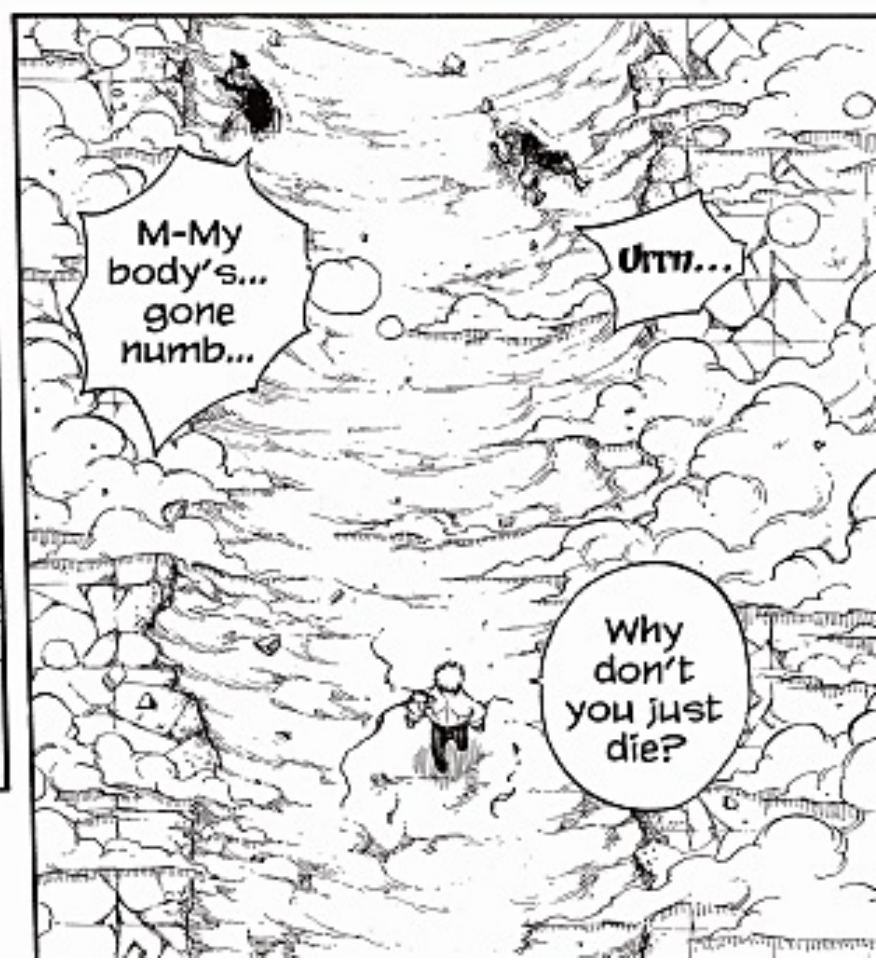
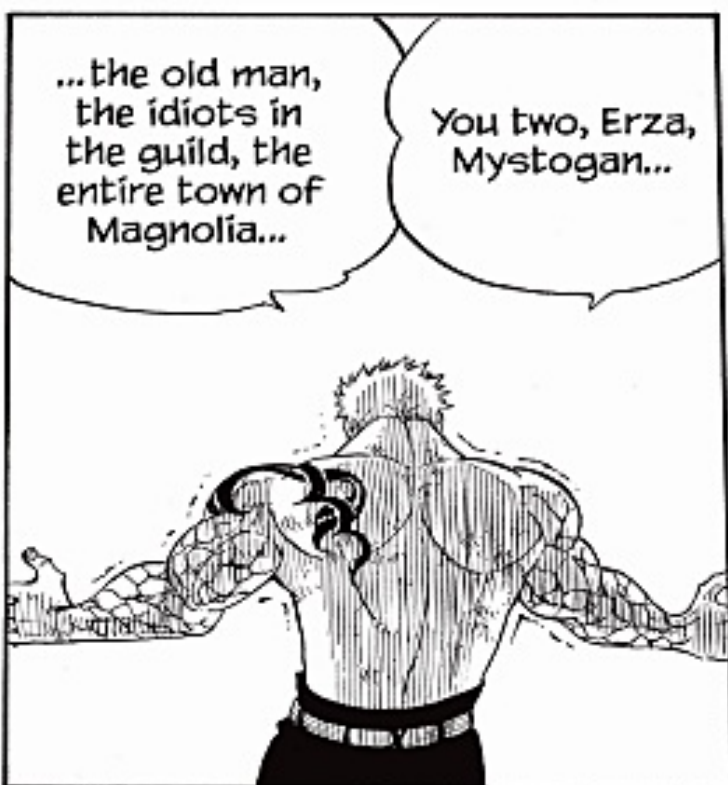
Gwaaa-  
aaahh  
!!!!

DOGOOOM

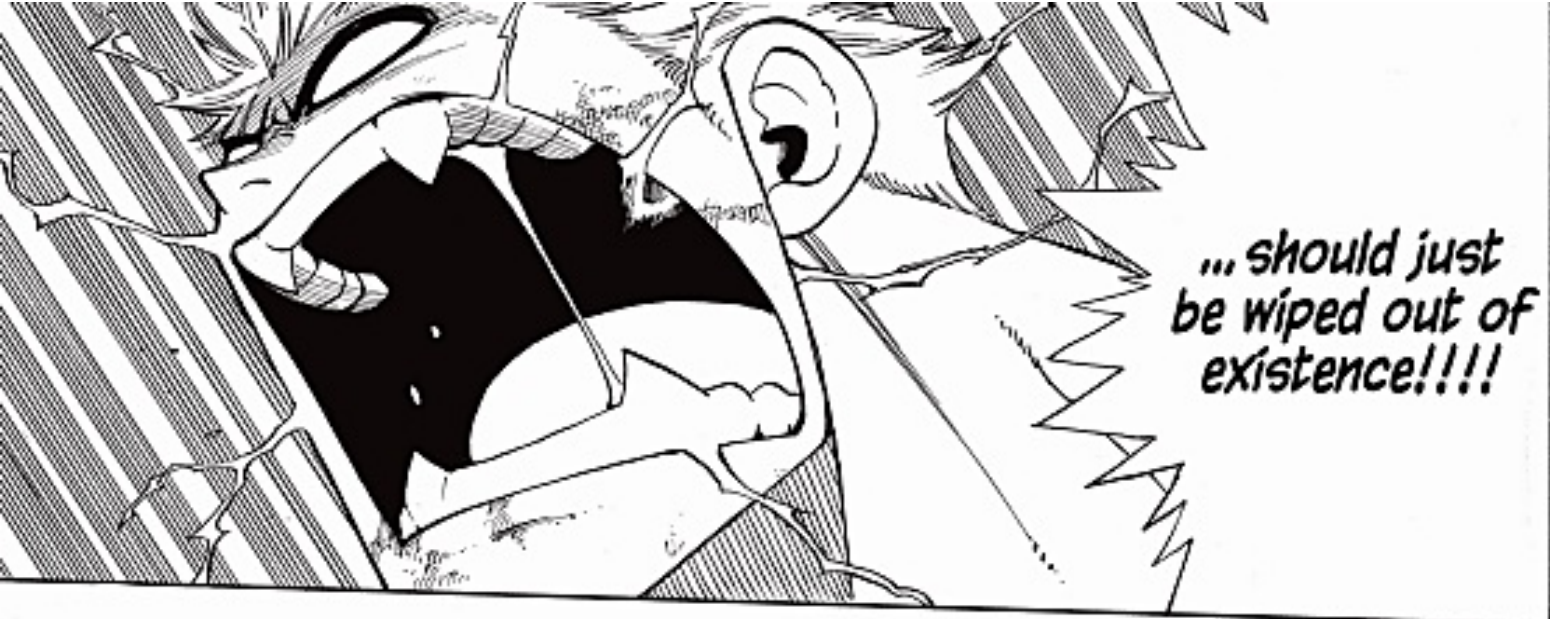
Aaa-  
arrg  
!!!









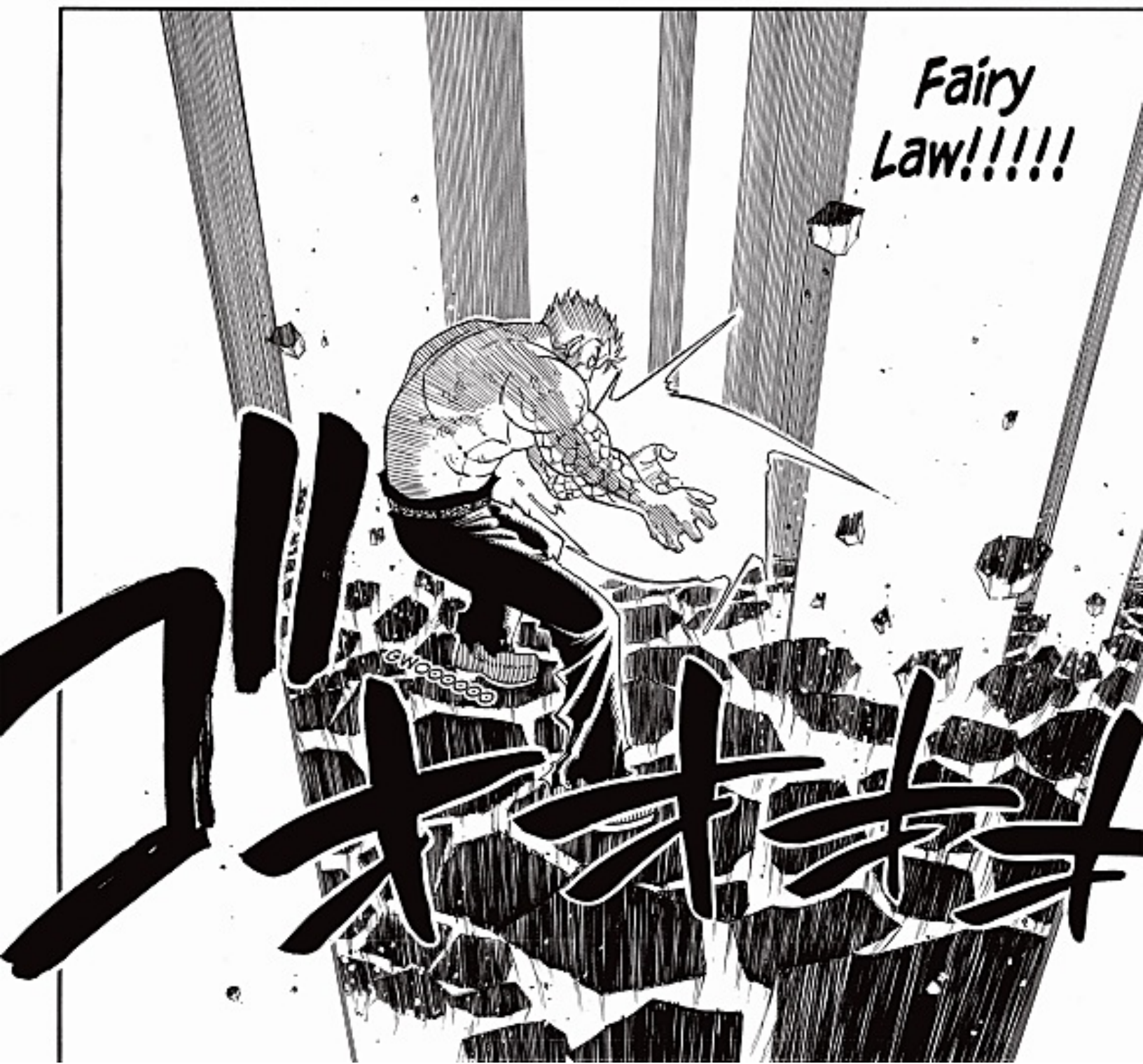




Master  
Makarov's  
ultimate  
judgment day  
magic...

It targets  
everything  
the caster  
looks on as  
an enemy.

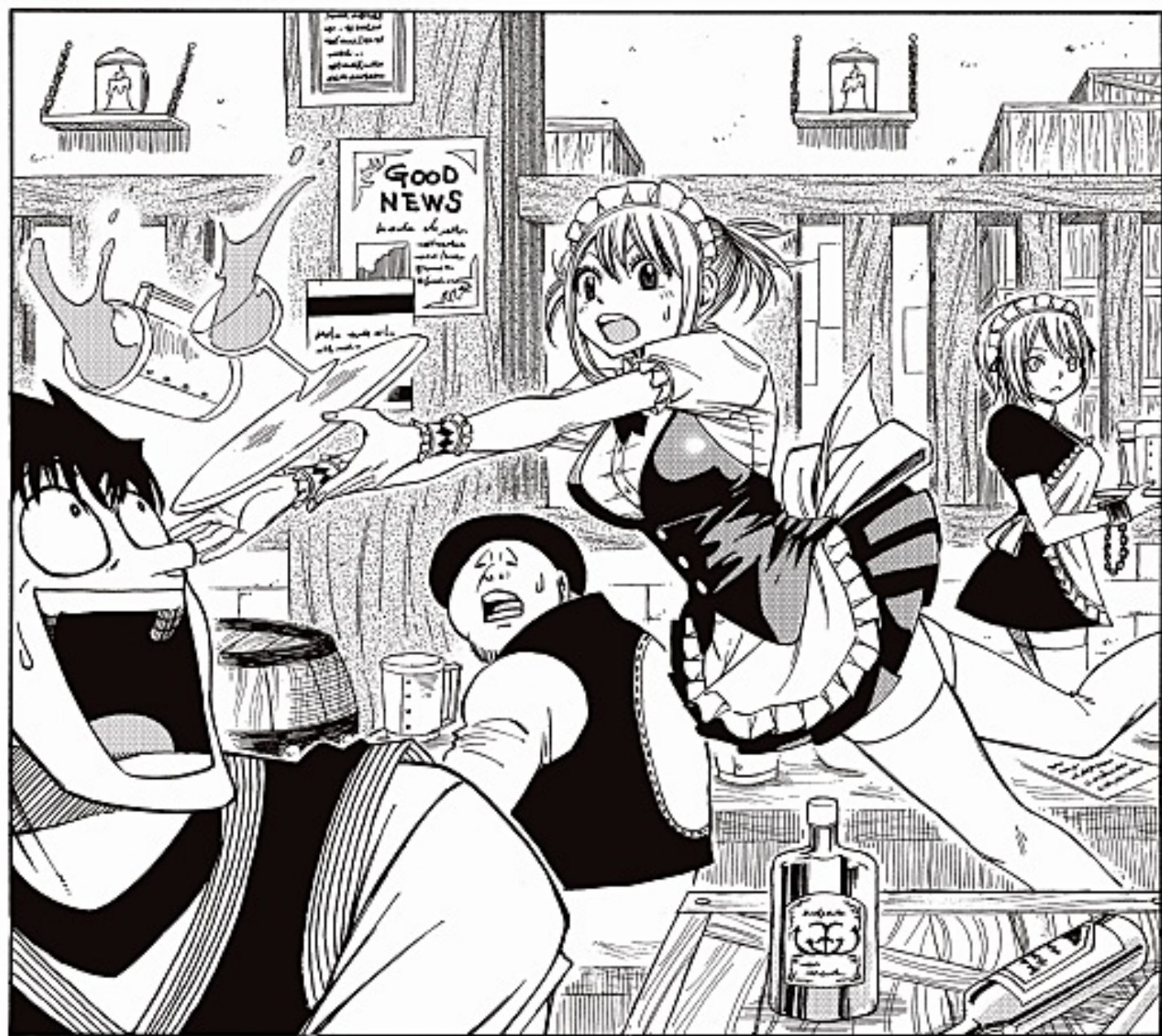
**Fairy  
Law!!!!**





# FAIRY TAIL

## Chapter 125: Face of a Devil, Heart of an Angel







ZGGL

SKRCH  
SKRCH

Don't...

Laxus!

That  
attack that  
took out  
Master  
Jose in one  
shot...?

Fairy  
Law...?

Uwoo-  
oohh  
!!!

This is against  
the rules,  
right? They say  
it "takes out  
everything the  
caster sees as  
an enemy"...

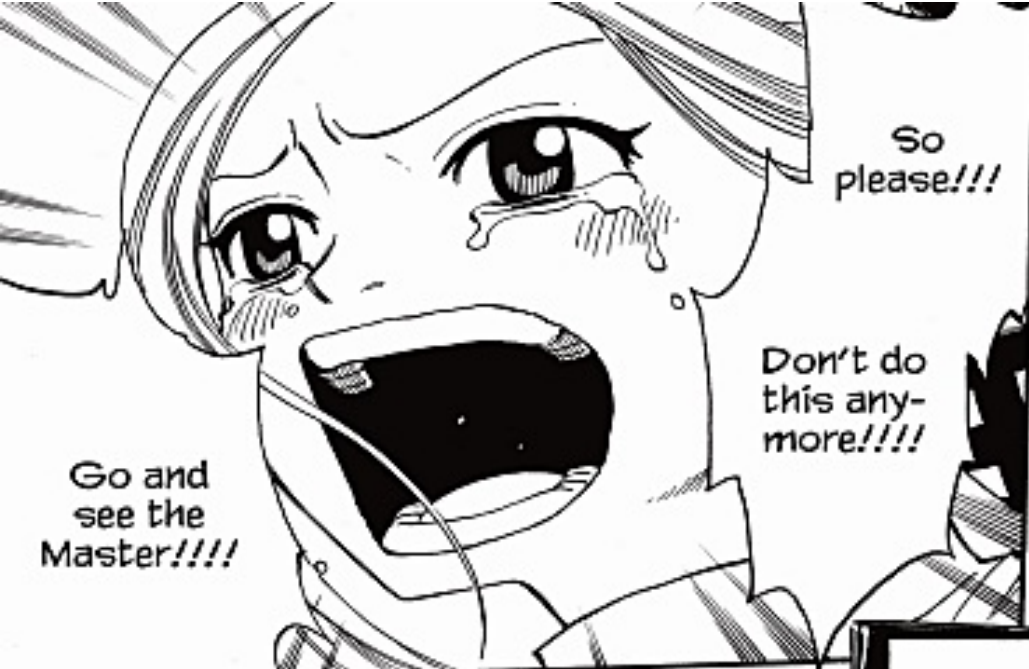












Go and  
see the  
Master!!!!

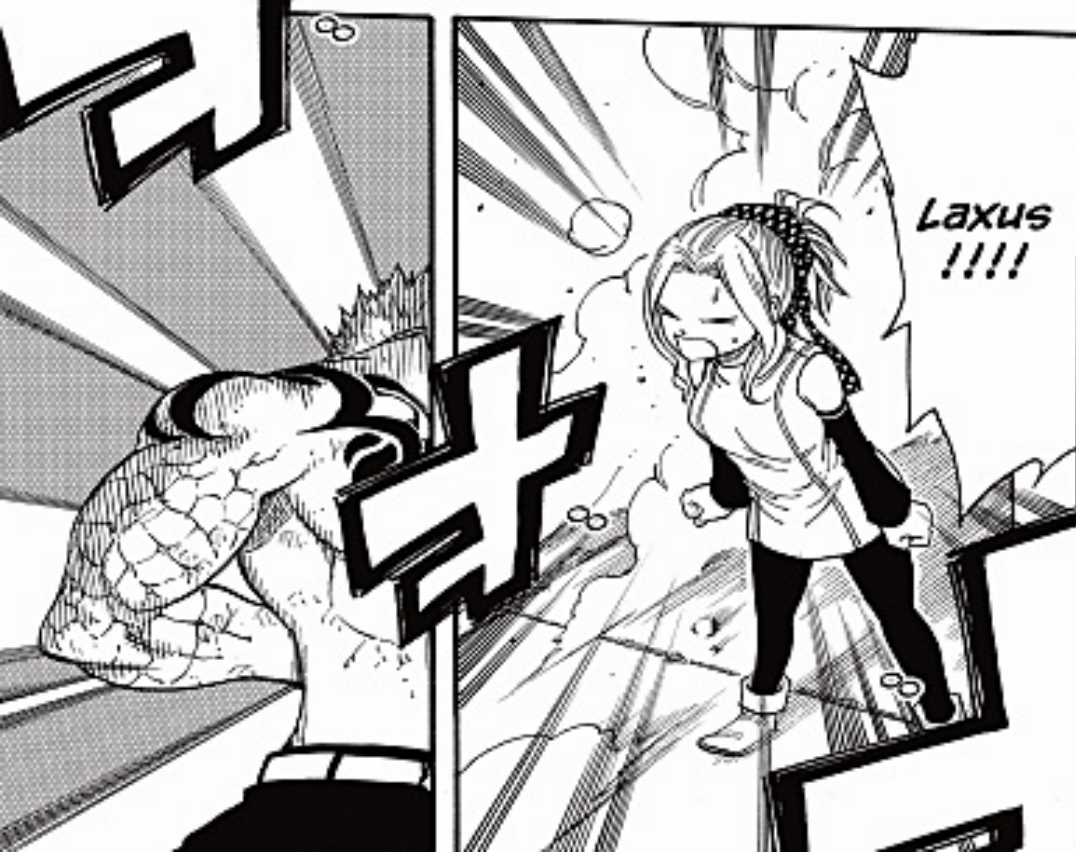
So  
please!!!

Don't do  
this any-  
more!!!!



C...  
"Close to  
death"...?

The  
old  
man's  
gonna...



Lexus  
!!!!



...die...?!







One that  
can't lose!!!  
One that'll  
make  
everybody  
shudder in  
fear!!!

I'll start the  
whole thing  
over from  
scratch!!!!

The world's  
strongest  
guild!!!!

...are you  
so...

Why the  
hell...

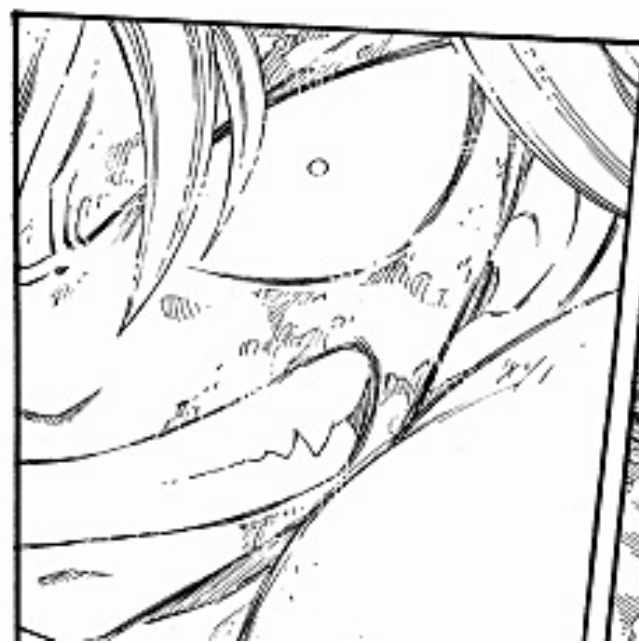
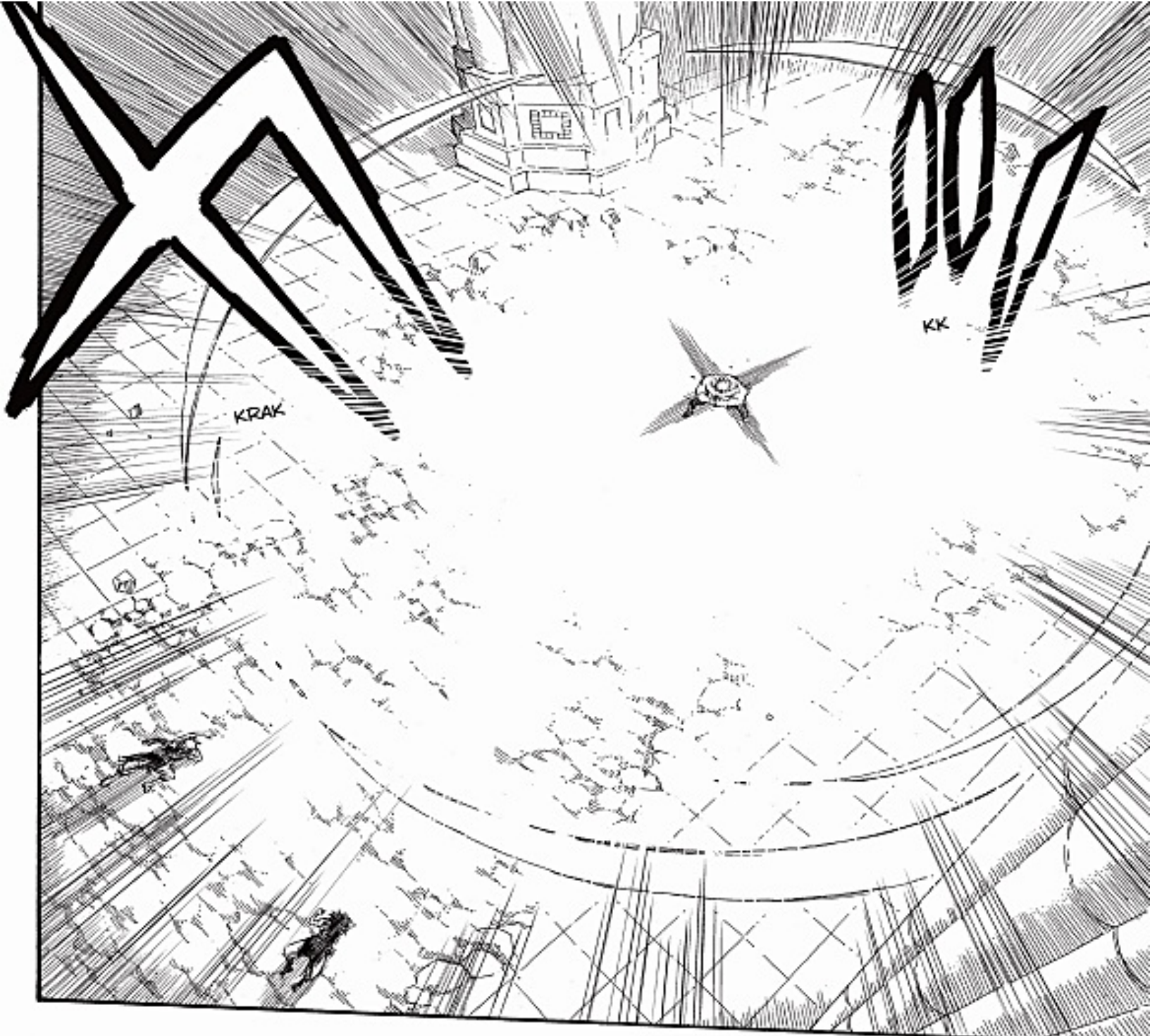
No!

SLUMP

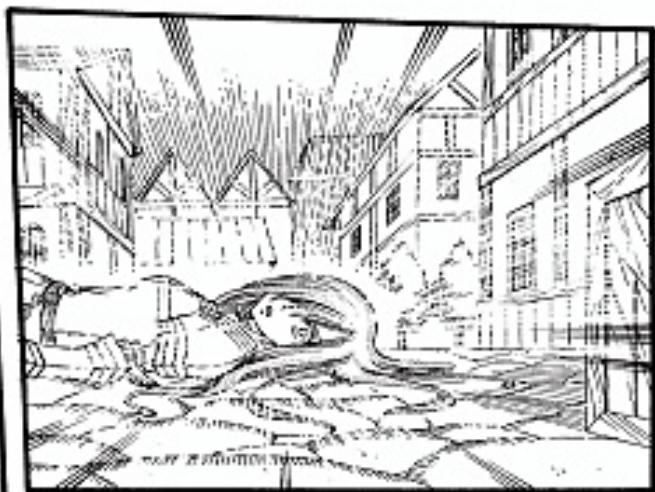
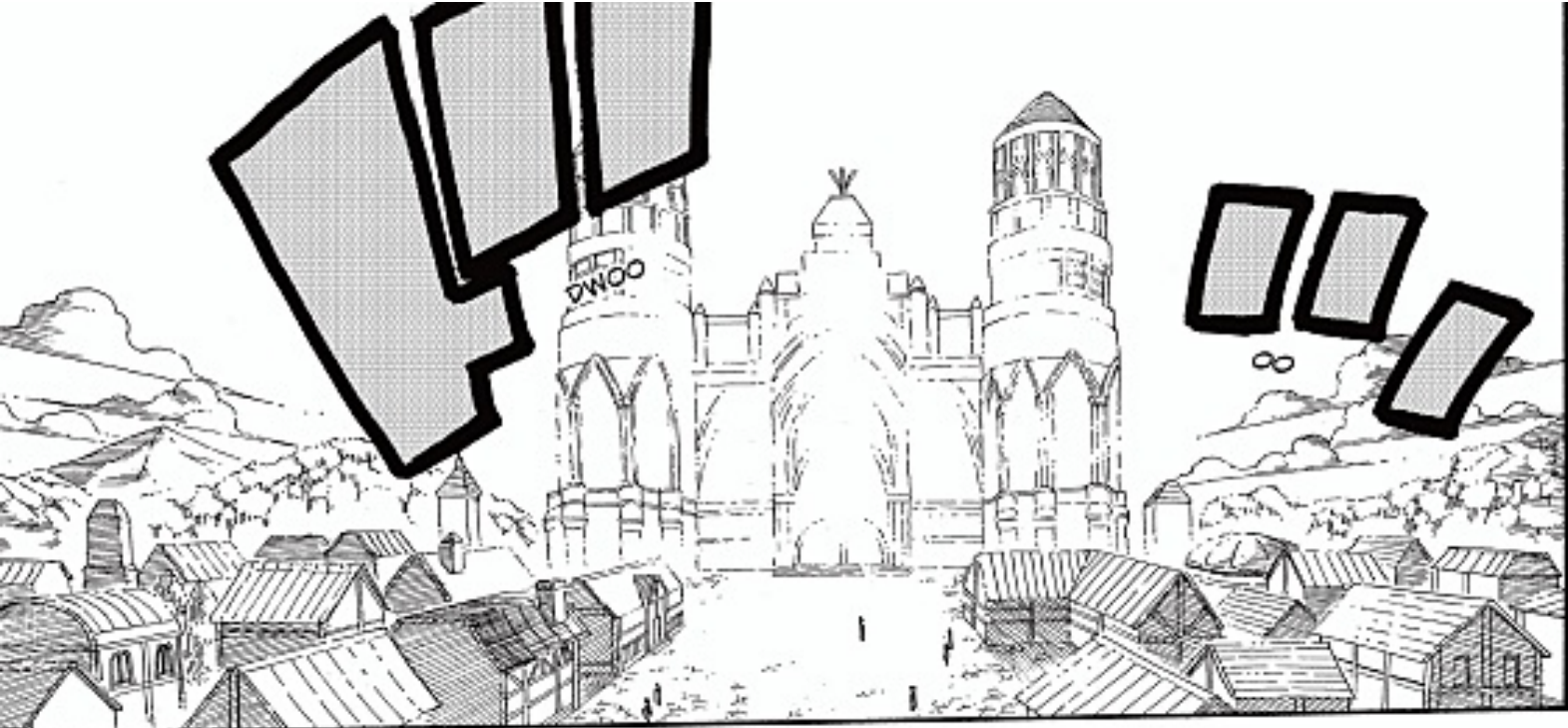
...is  
invoked!!!!

Fairy  
Law...









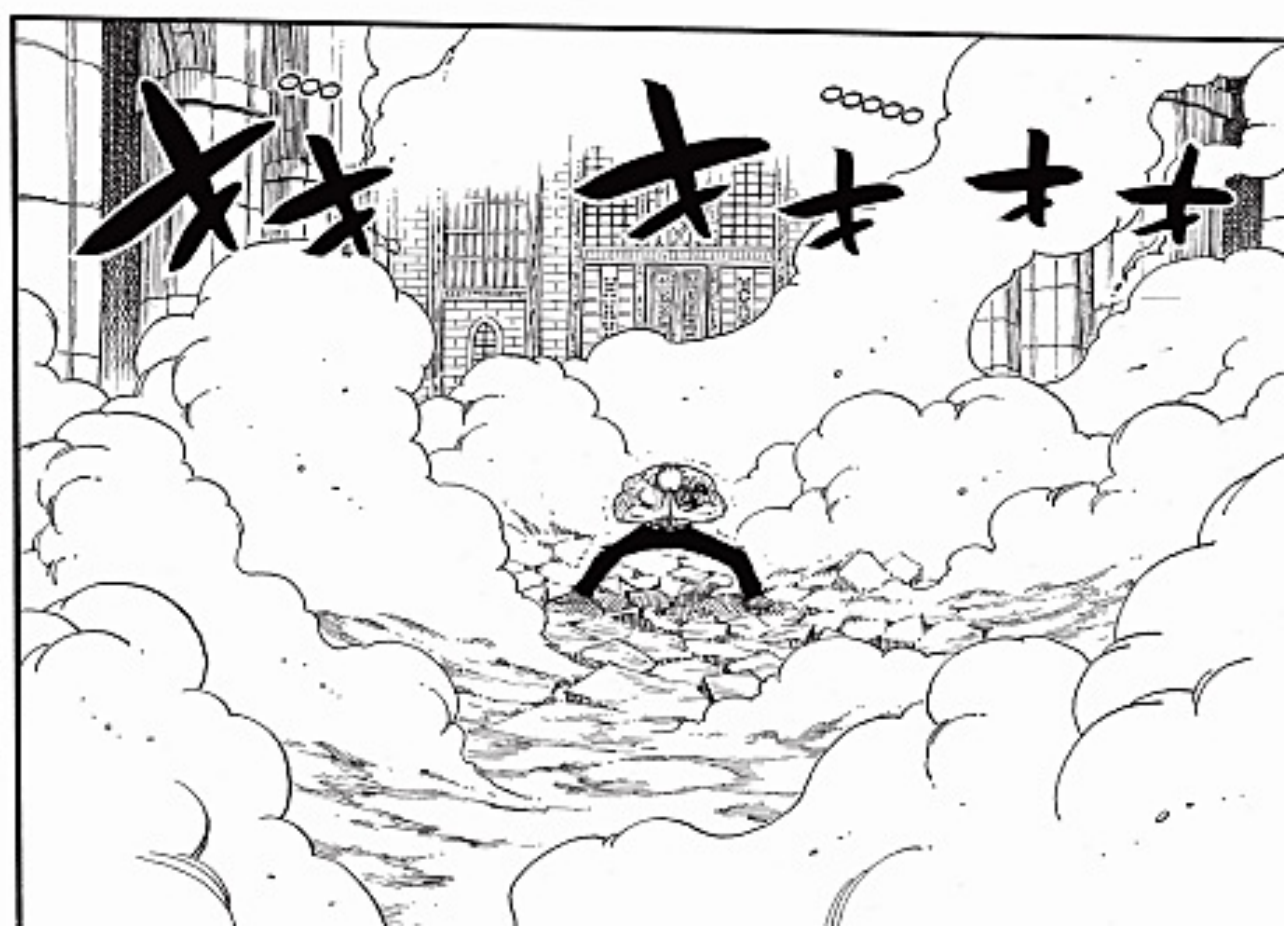




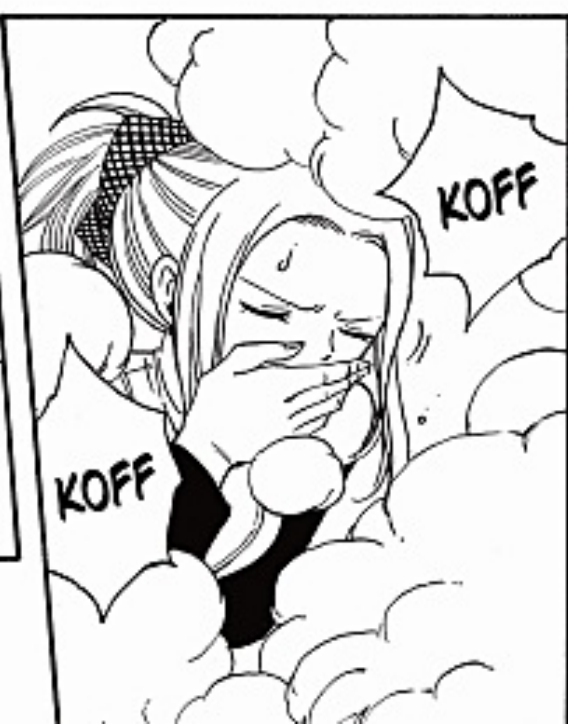
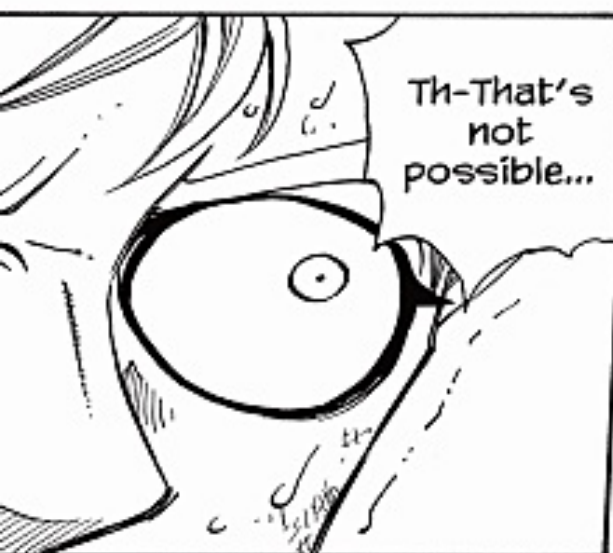
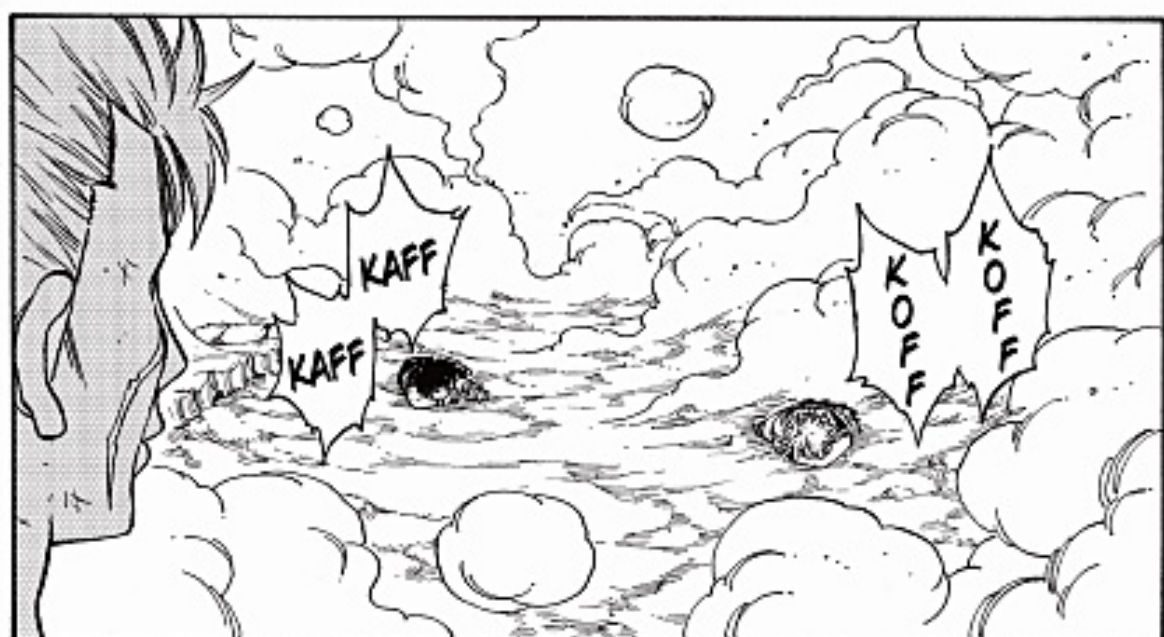




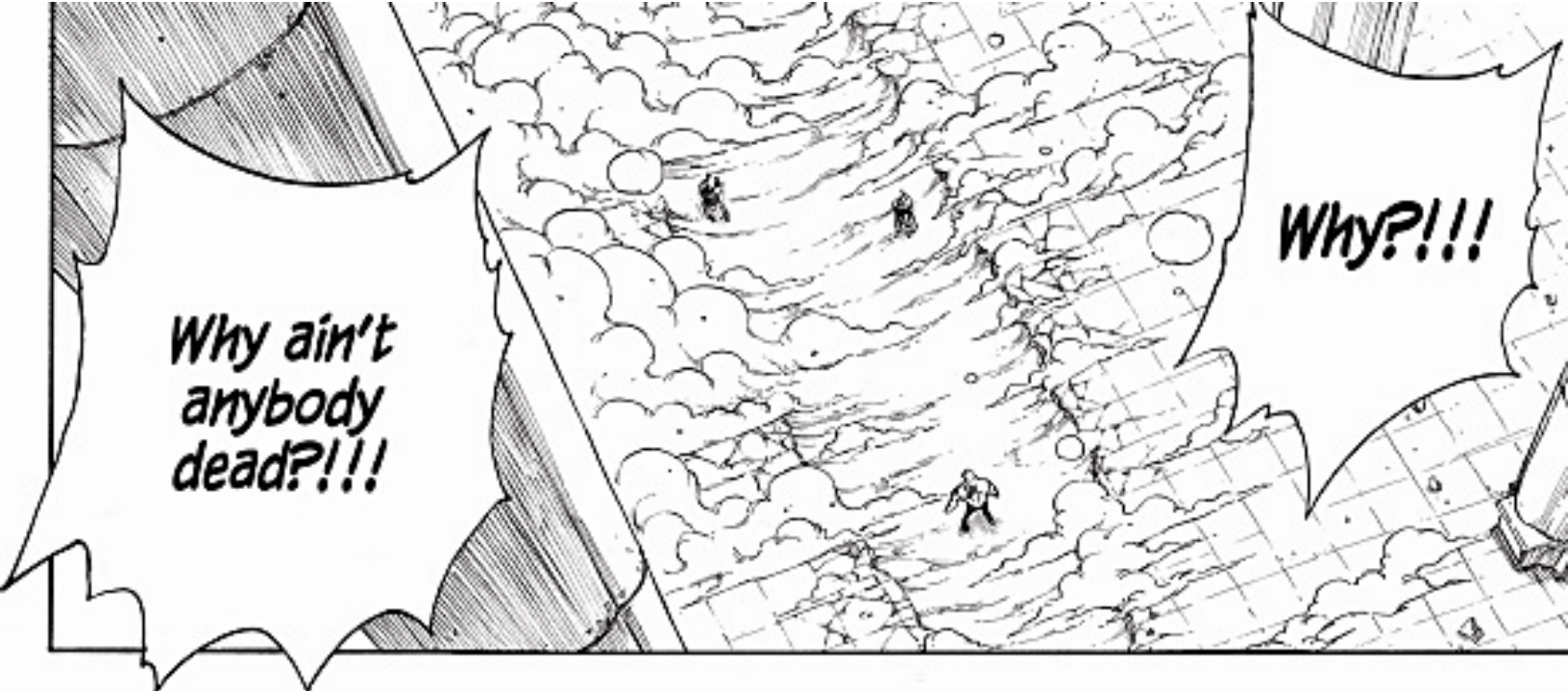












Why ain't  
anybody  
dead?!!!

Why?!!!



He  
seems  
okay.

How's  
Natsu?

Yeah...  
I'm fine.

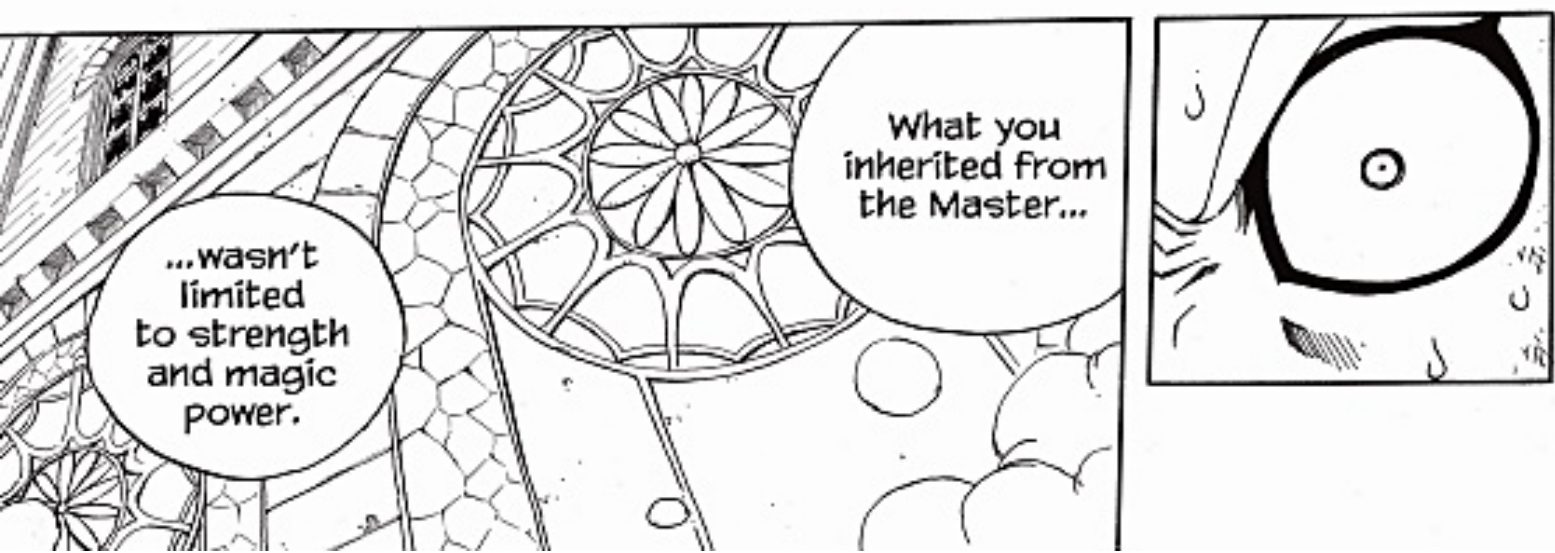
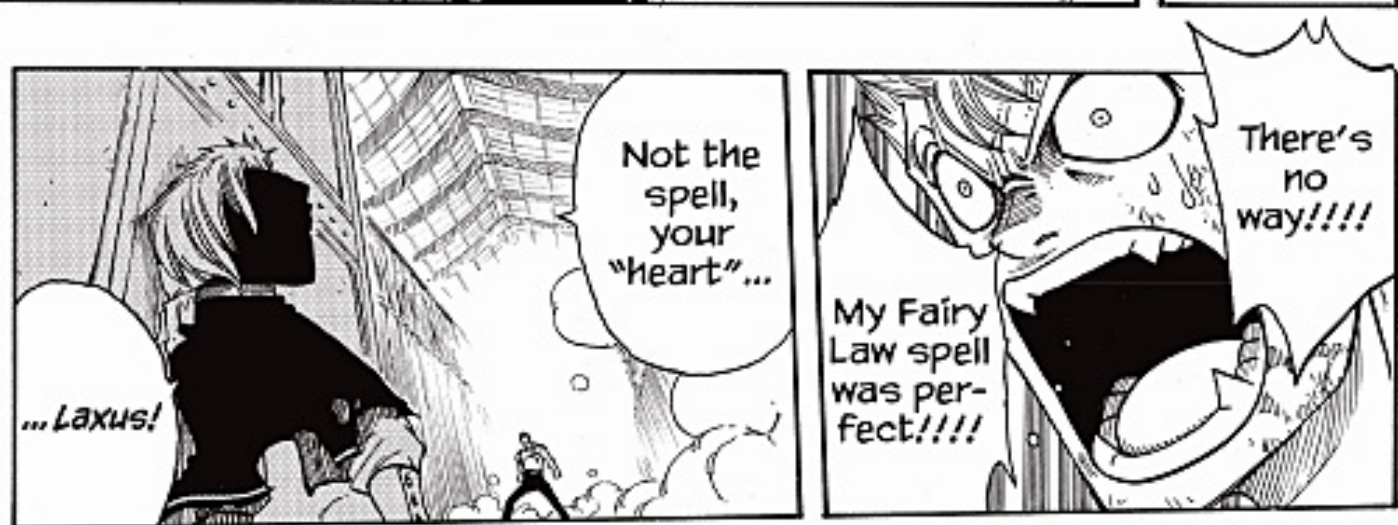
Hey, you...  
You okay?



They had that  
much magic  
forced down  
their throats!  
No way they  
could still be  
all right!!!

What the  
hell's  
going  
on?!









*...but also  
a heart that  
holds his  
comrades  
dear.*



Do you  
understand  
what that  
means,  
Laxus?

Fairy law  
affects  
only the  
people who  
the caster  
considers a  
true enemy.



Magic  
cannot lie,  
Laxus.



The magic  
saw deep  
inside his  
heart...





*It means that's  
your true self.*



I don't give  
a damn  
about the old  
man!!!!



Oh, stop  
it, Laxus.

And go  
see the  
Master.



**No!!!!**

Anybody who  
stands in my  
way is my  
enemy!!!  
They're  
all  
enemies  
!!!!



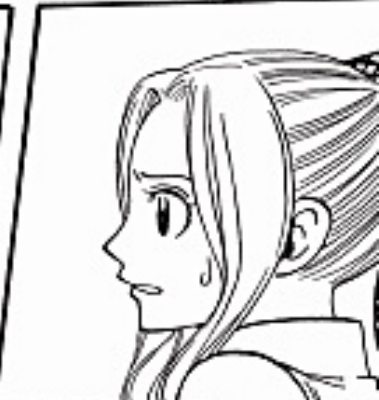


**I am  
Lexus!!!!**

**I am  
myself!!!!  
I ain't the  
old man's  
grandson!!!  
I'm  
Lexus!!!!**



Yeah,  
everybody  
knows  
that!



You think bein'  
the old man's  
grandson  
makes you so  
different?!  
Makes you so  
much better?!

30...  
WOBBLE

Don't get  
so puffed  
up, you  
ass!







**Don't go  
struttin'  
around  
just  
because  
of some  
stupid  
blood  
link!!!!**

**It's the  
guild!!!!  
That's our  
family!!!!!!**

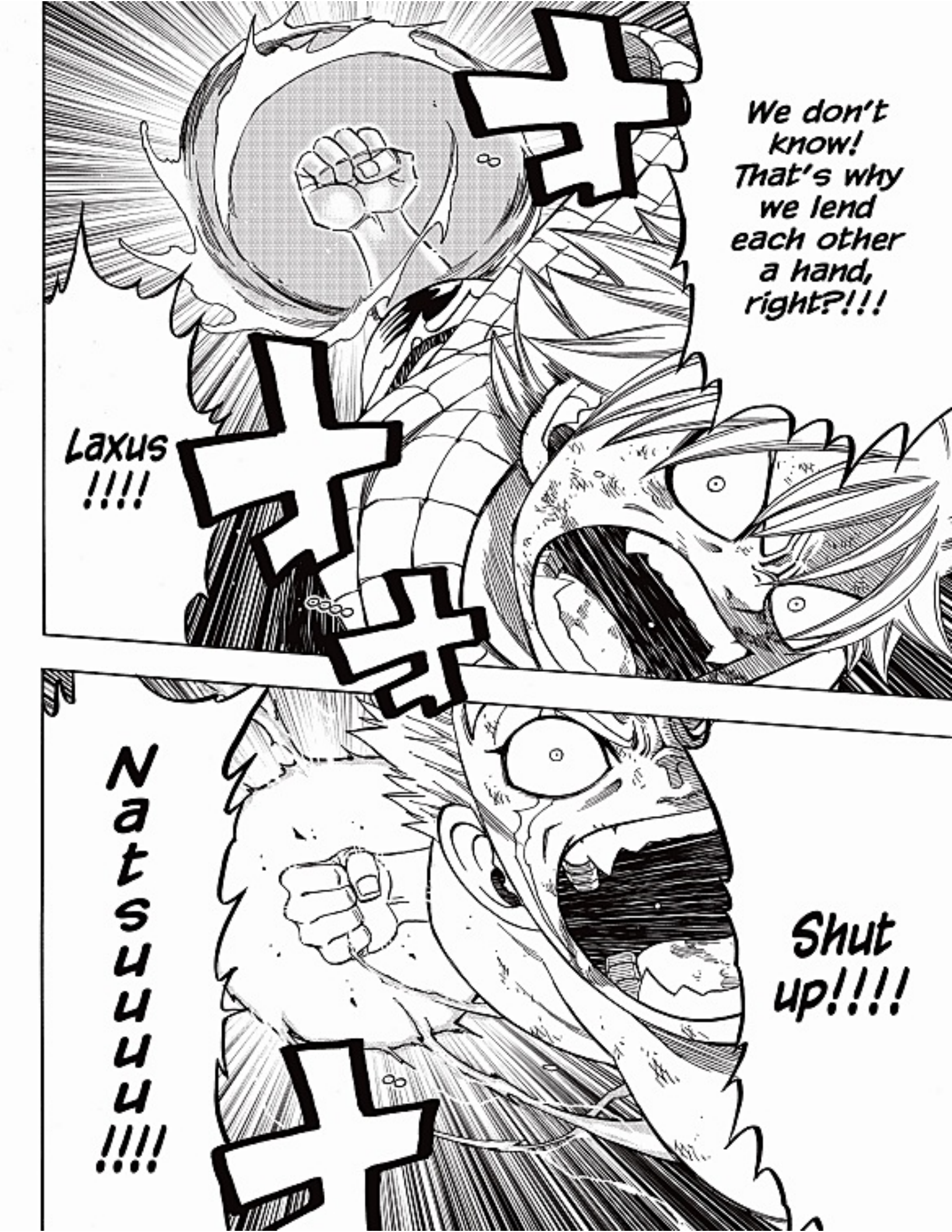


**I don't know!  
Does that  
mean we're  
not on the  
same side?!**

**BZZT BZZT**

**What  
would  
you  
know  
of it?!**





*We don't  
know!  
That's why  
we lend  
each other  
a hand,  
right?!!!*

*Laxus  
!!!!*

*Natsu  
huh  
!!!!*

*Shut  
up!!!!*

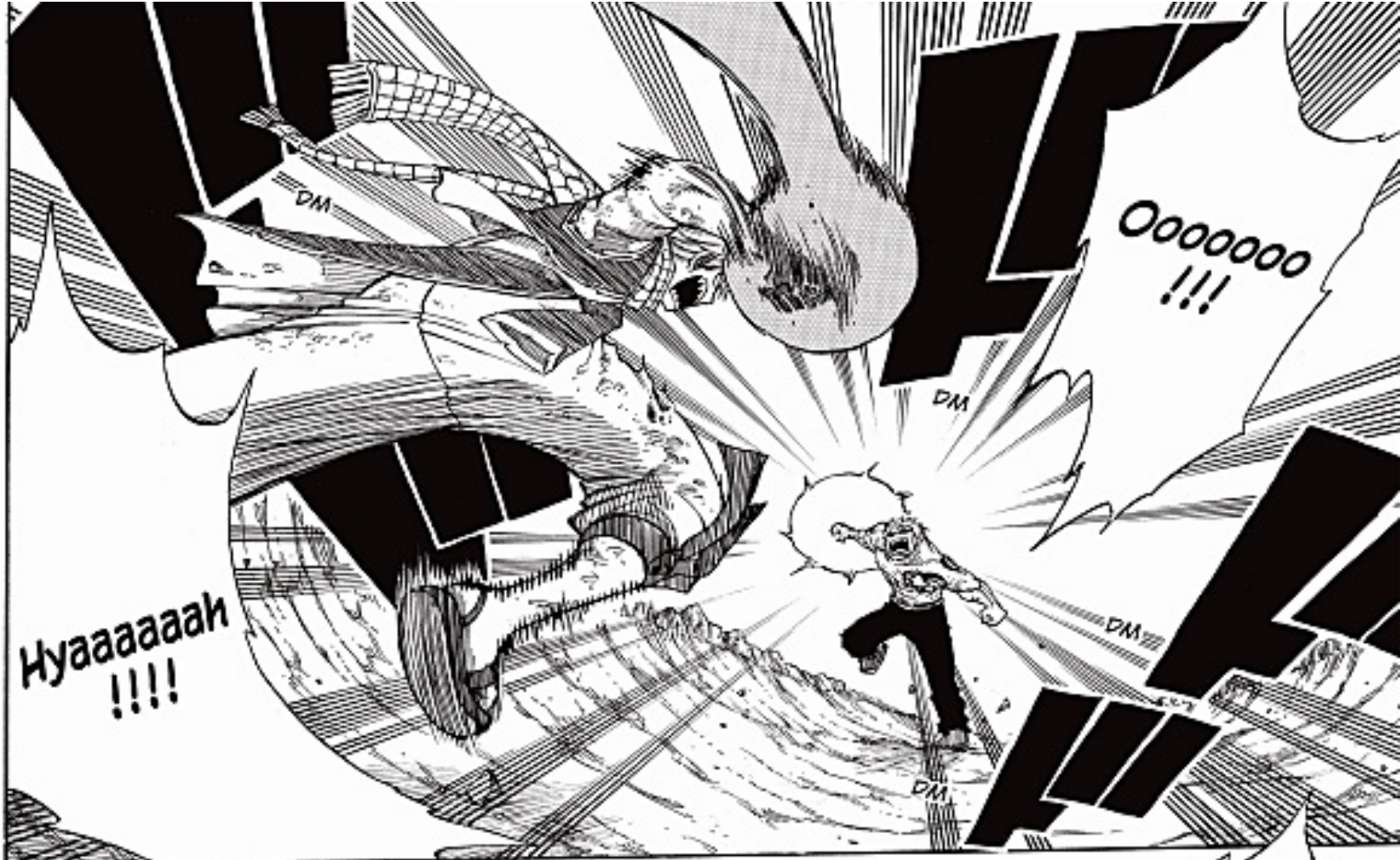


# FAIRY TAIL

## Chapter 126: Stand Up!!!!







Hyaaaaaaah  
!!!!

Oooooooooo  
!!!



I'm gonna be  
the one to  
stop you!!!!



Disappear  
from my sight,  
Natsu!!!!

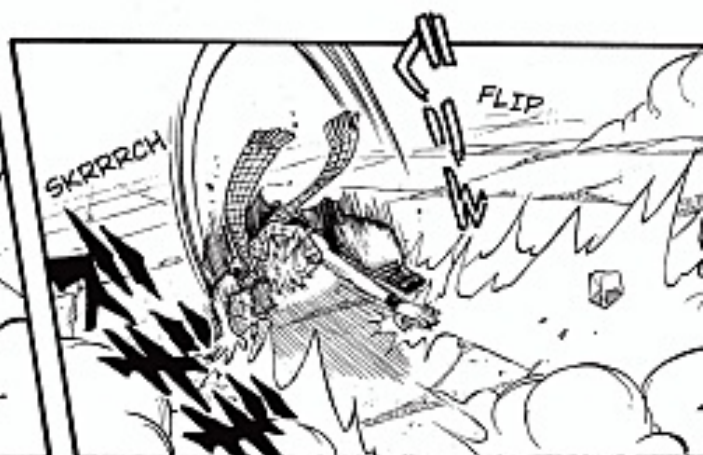


You're not  
getting this  
guild even if it  
kills me!!!!

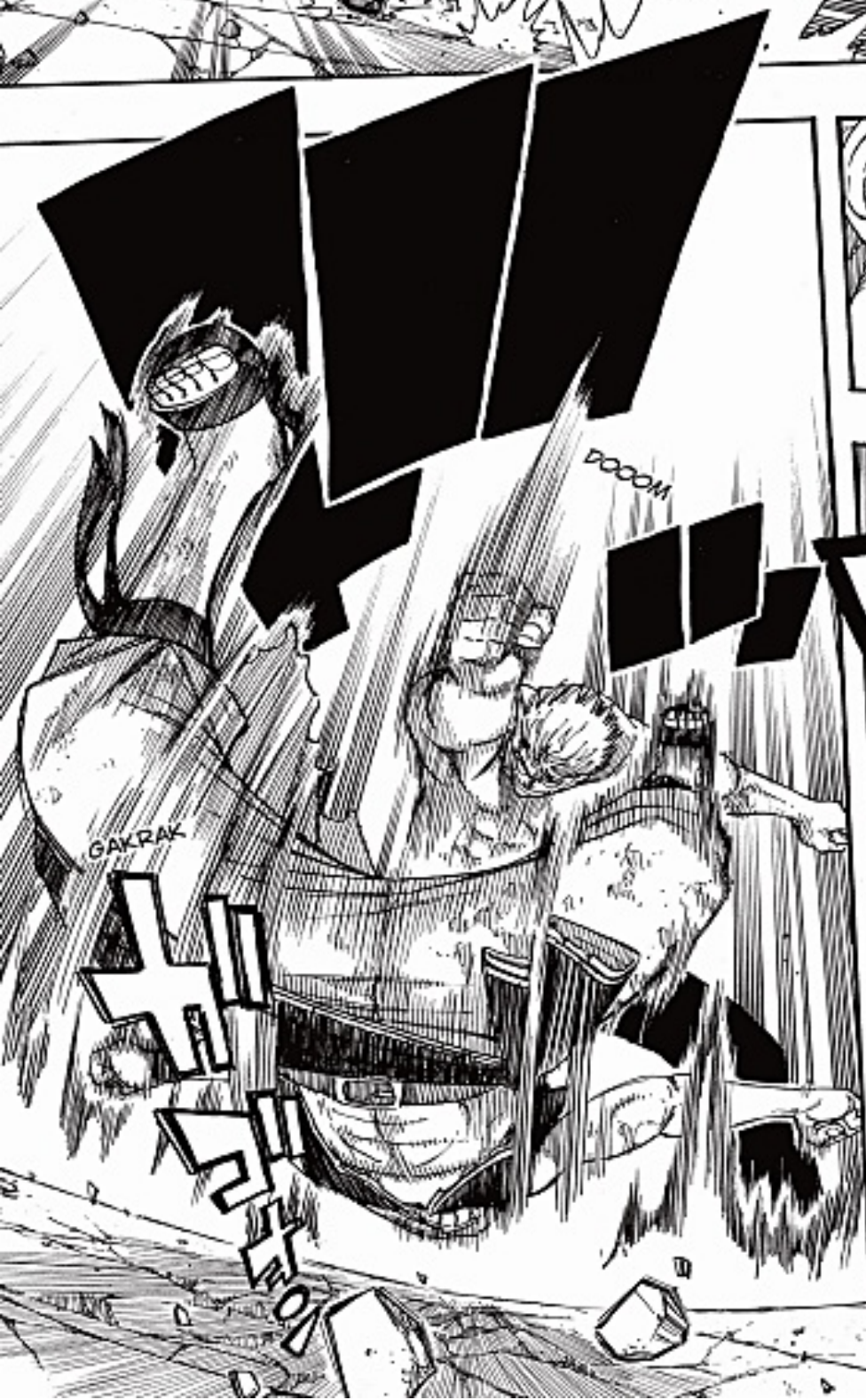




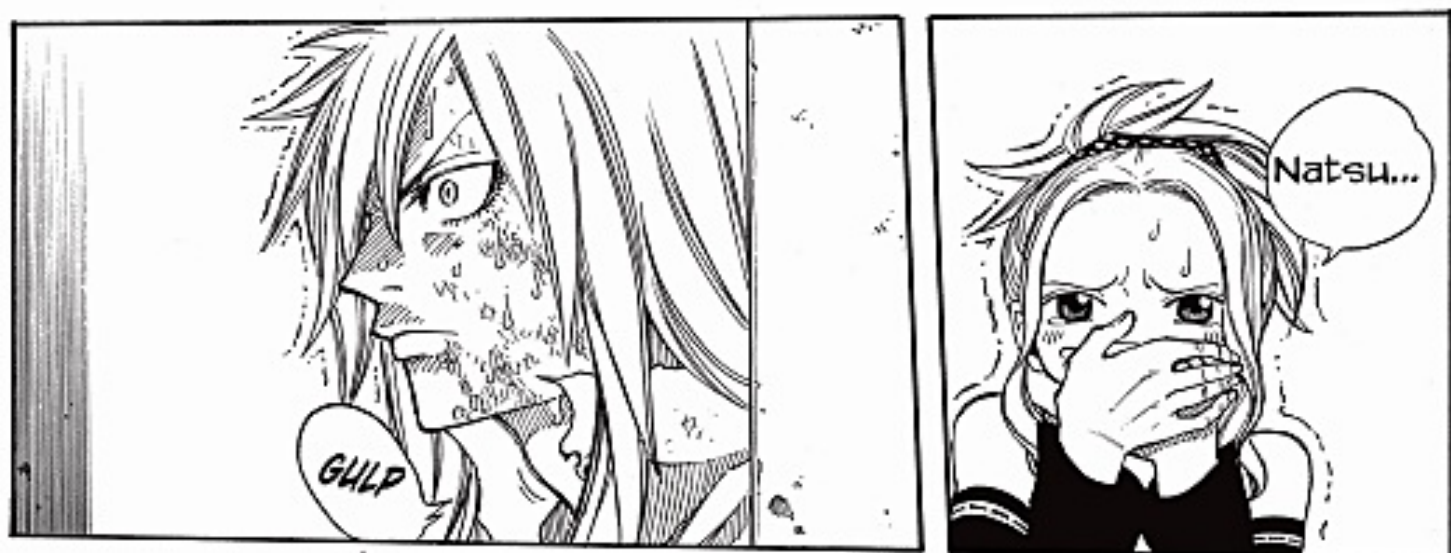
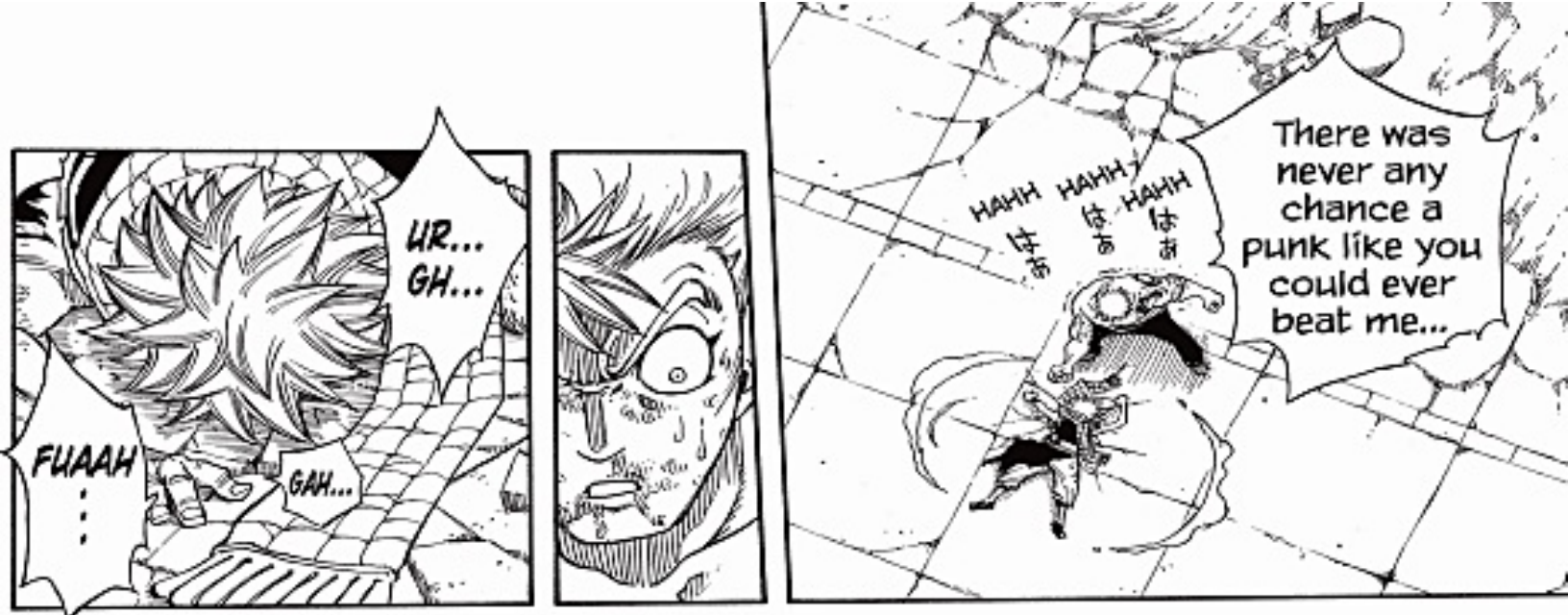












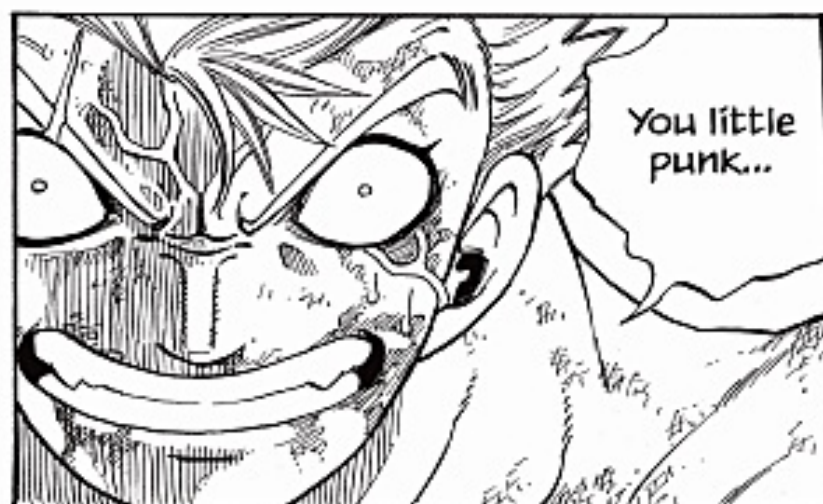












You little punk...



Stop it already, Natsu! You'll die!



Stop it, Laxus!!!!  
If you use that magic on Natsu now...



You're gonna disappear, and there won't be a smudge left of you!!!!





Rairyûhō-  
tengeki\*  
!!!!

\*Lightning Dragon Heavenly Spear

Are you  
trying  
to kill  
him?!!!

Um...



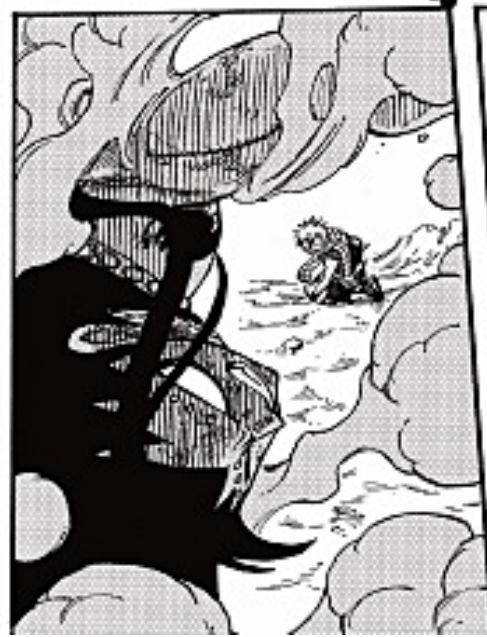
Dam-  
nit...







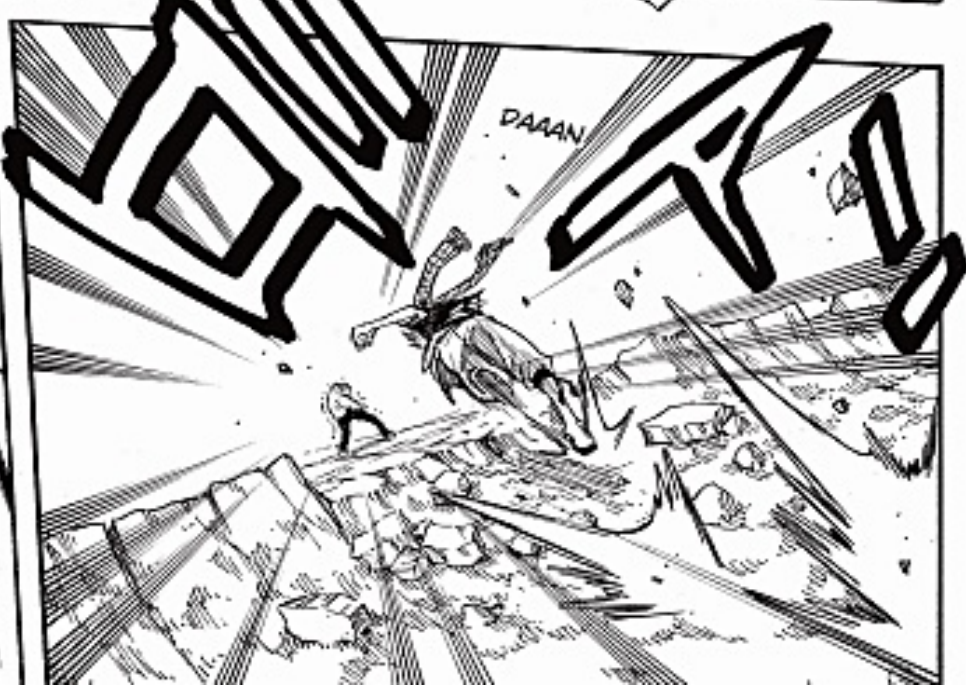








\*Fire Dragon's...







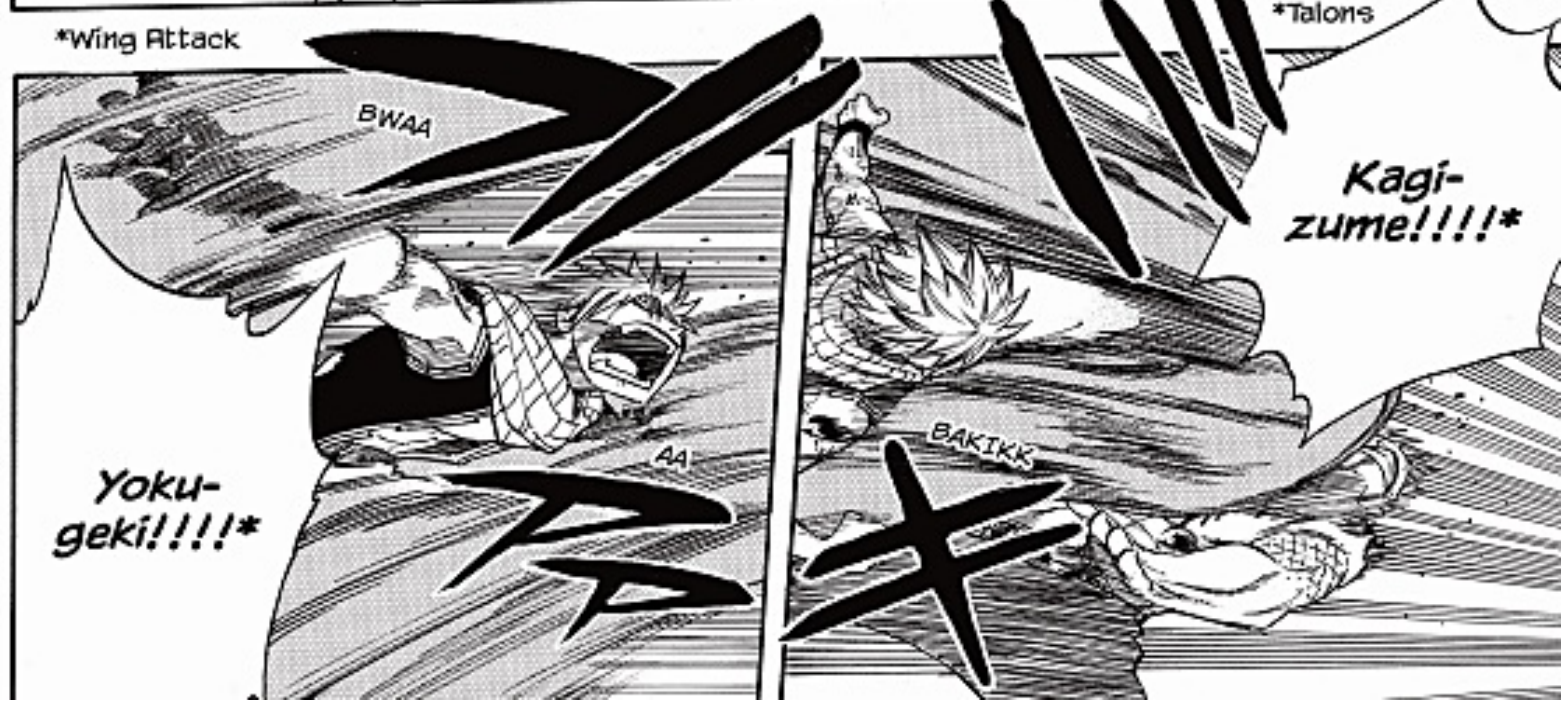
**Tekken!!!!\***



**\*Iron Fist**

**GAHH!**

**\*Wing Attack**



**\*Talons**

**Kagi-zume!!!!\***

**Yoku-geki!!!!\***





Saiga!!!!\*

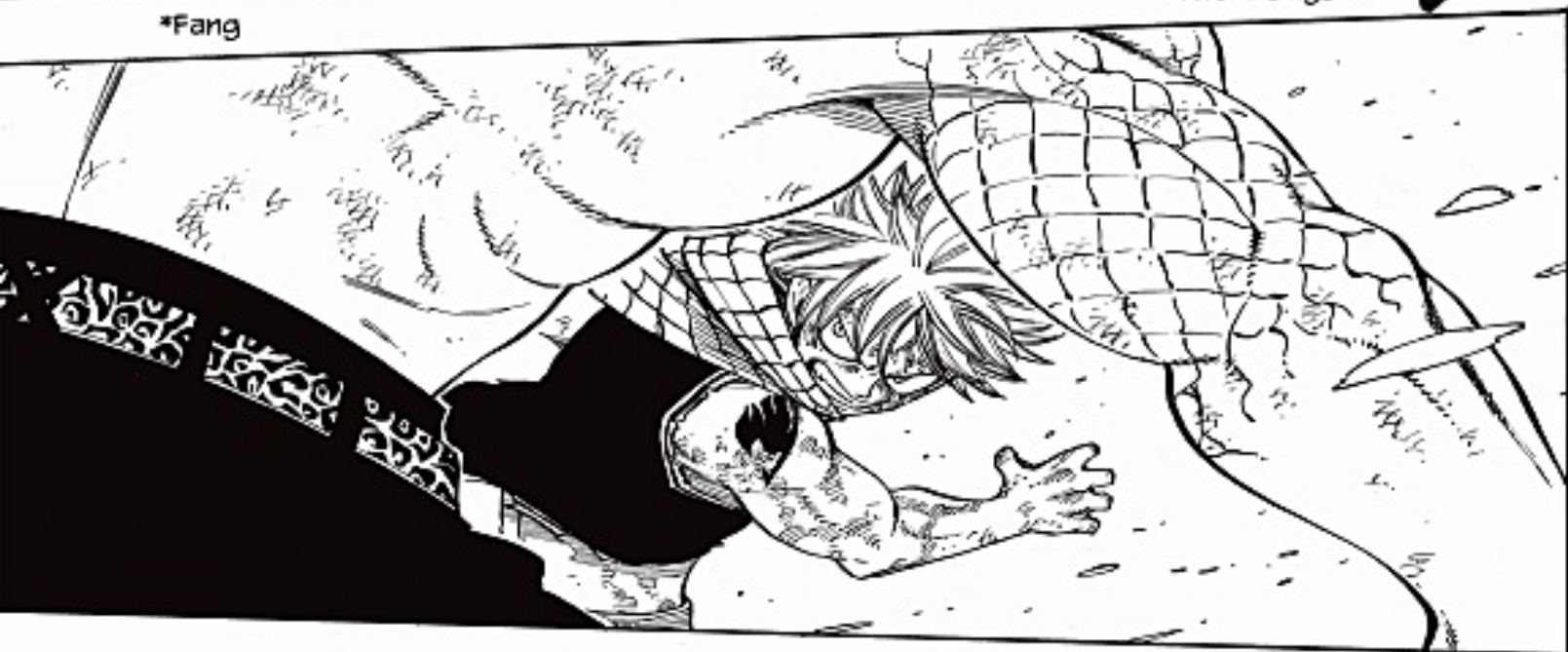
\*Fang



Ken-kaku!!!!\*

GASSH

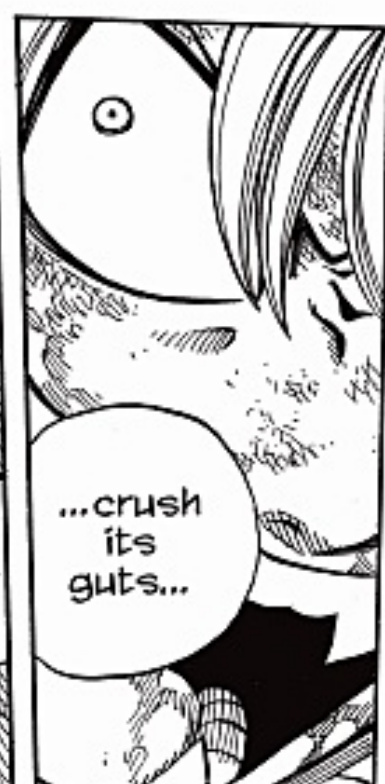
\*Sword Edge



Secret techniques to take down a dragon...



...and kill its very soul...



...crush its guts...



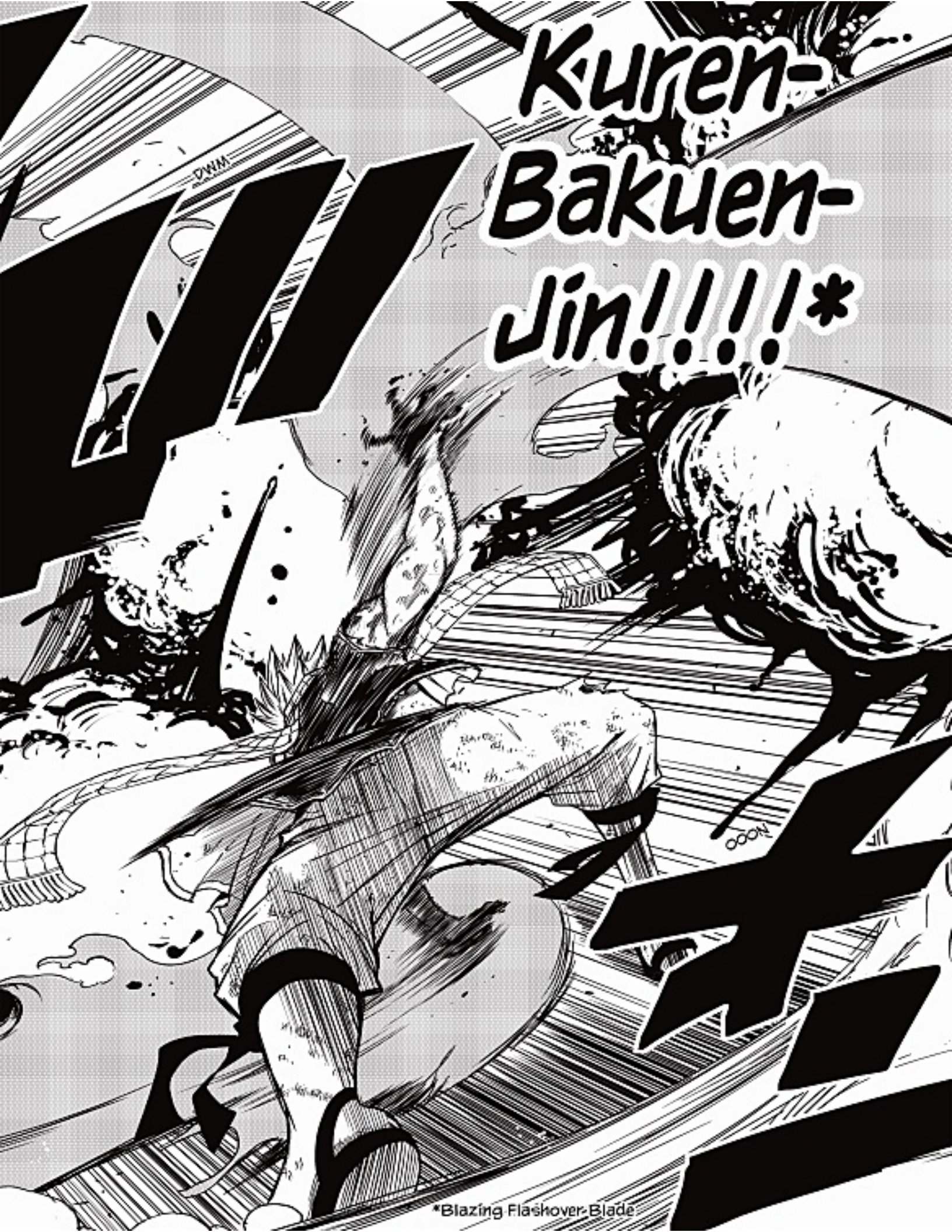
That magic is meant to break a dragon's scales...





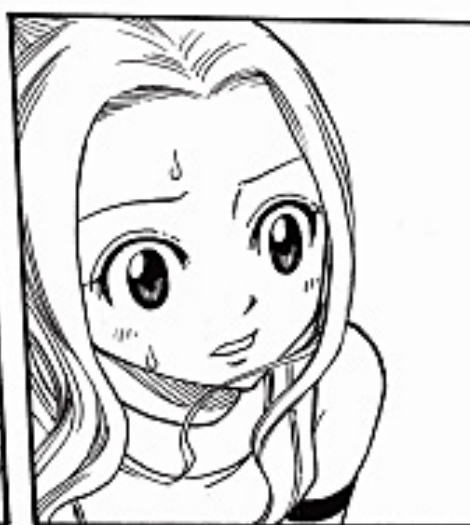
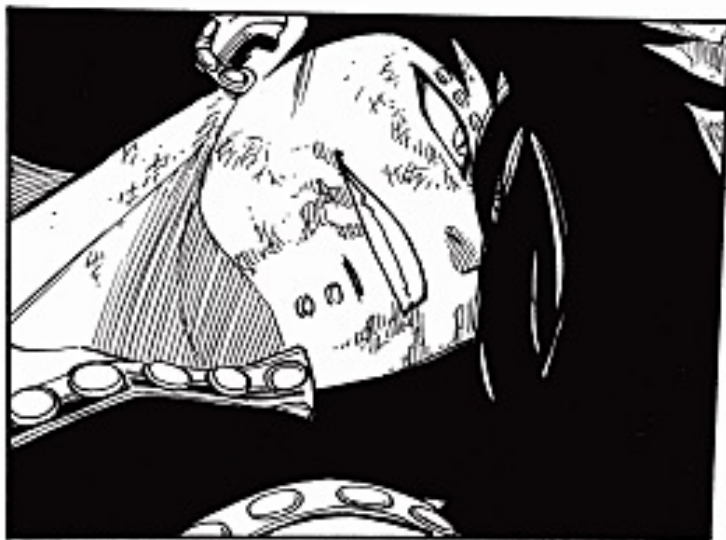
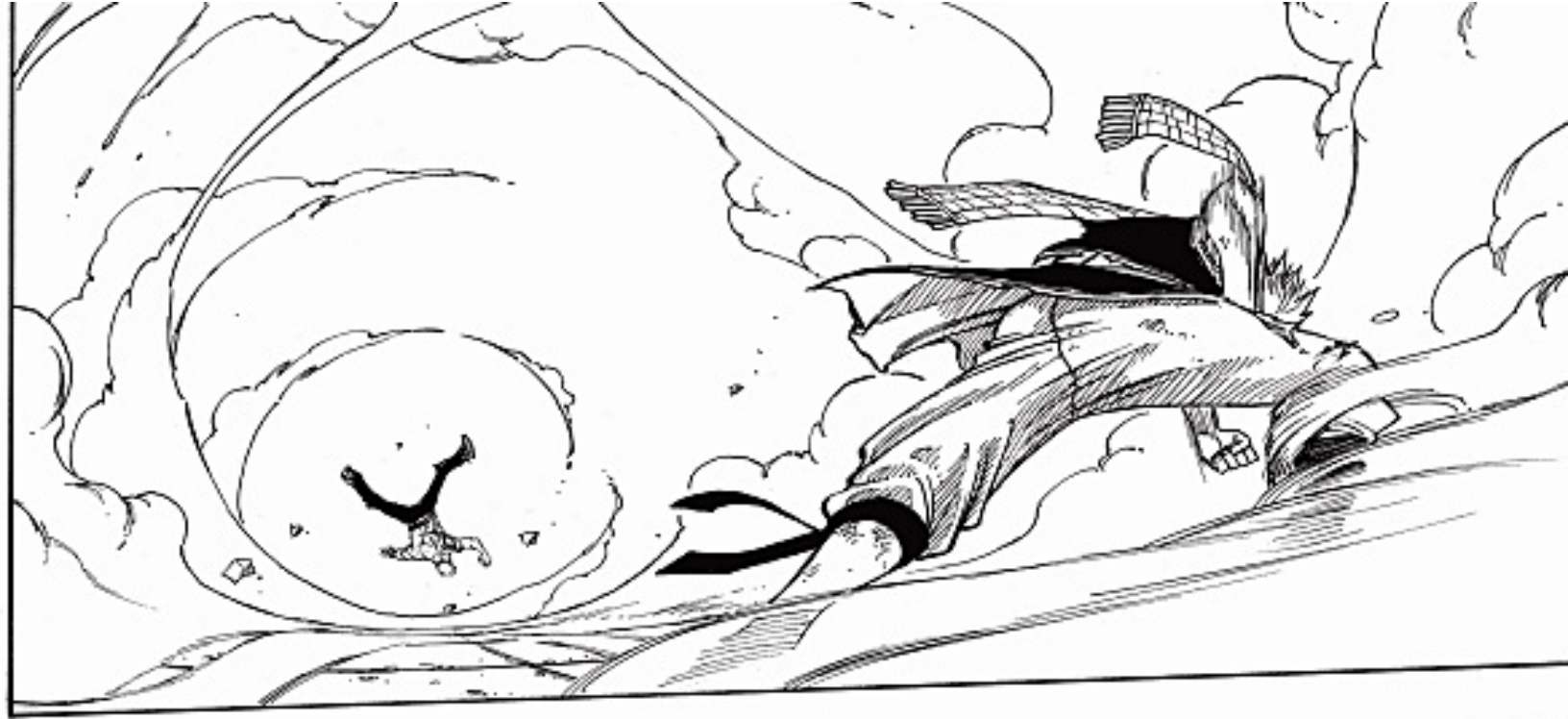


**Kuren-  
Bakuen-  
Jin!!!!\***

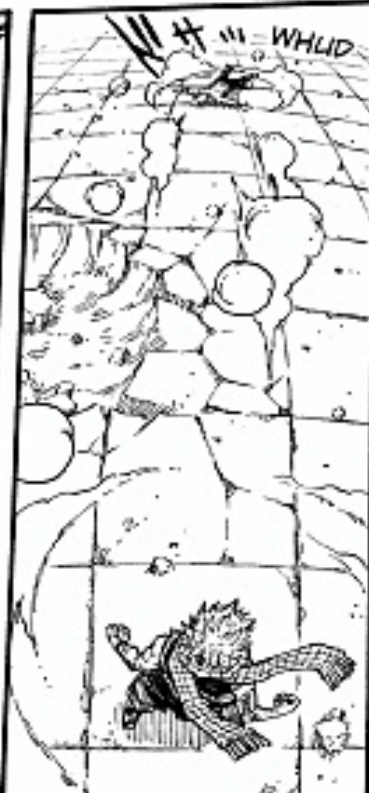


\*Blazing Flashover-Blade









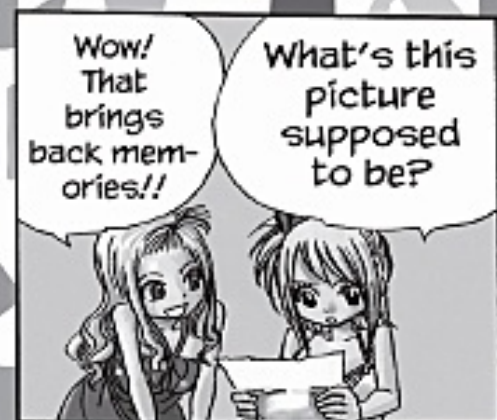
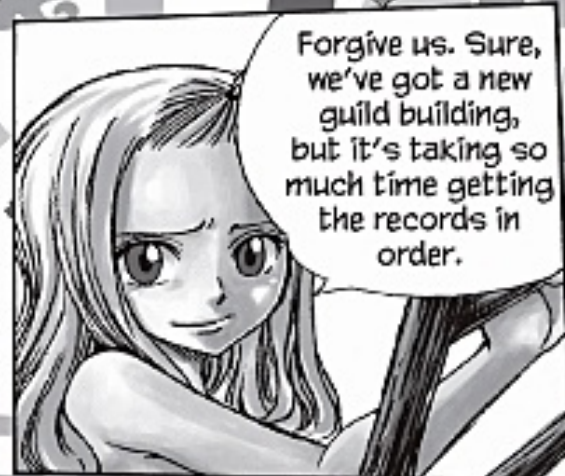
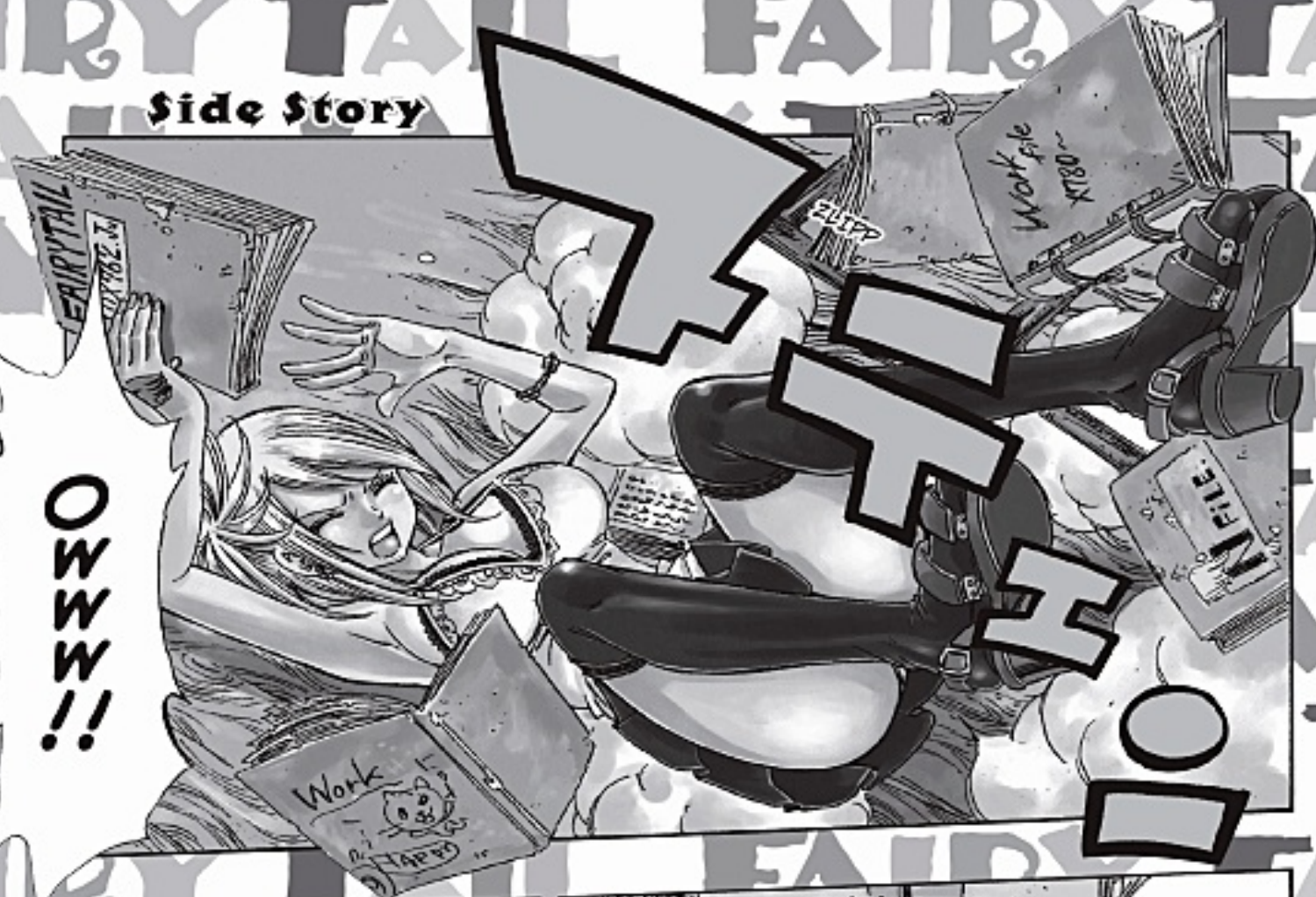




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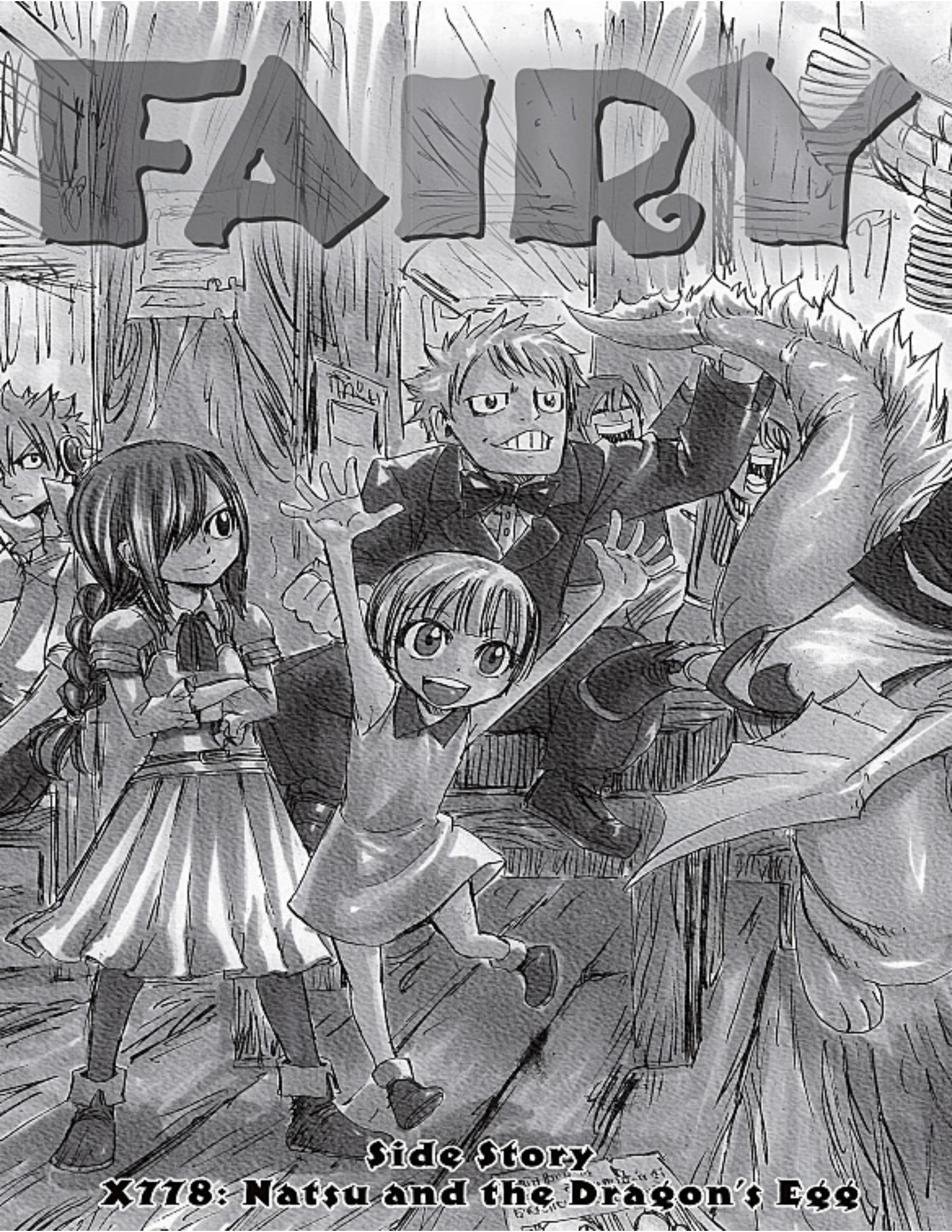


Side Story





# FAIRY

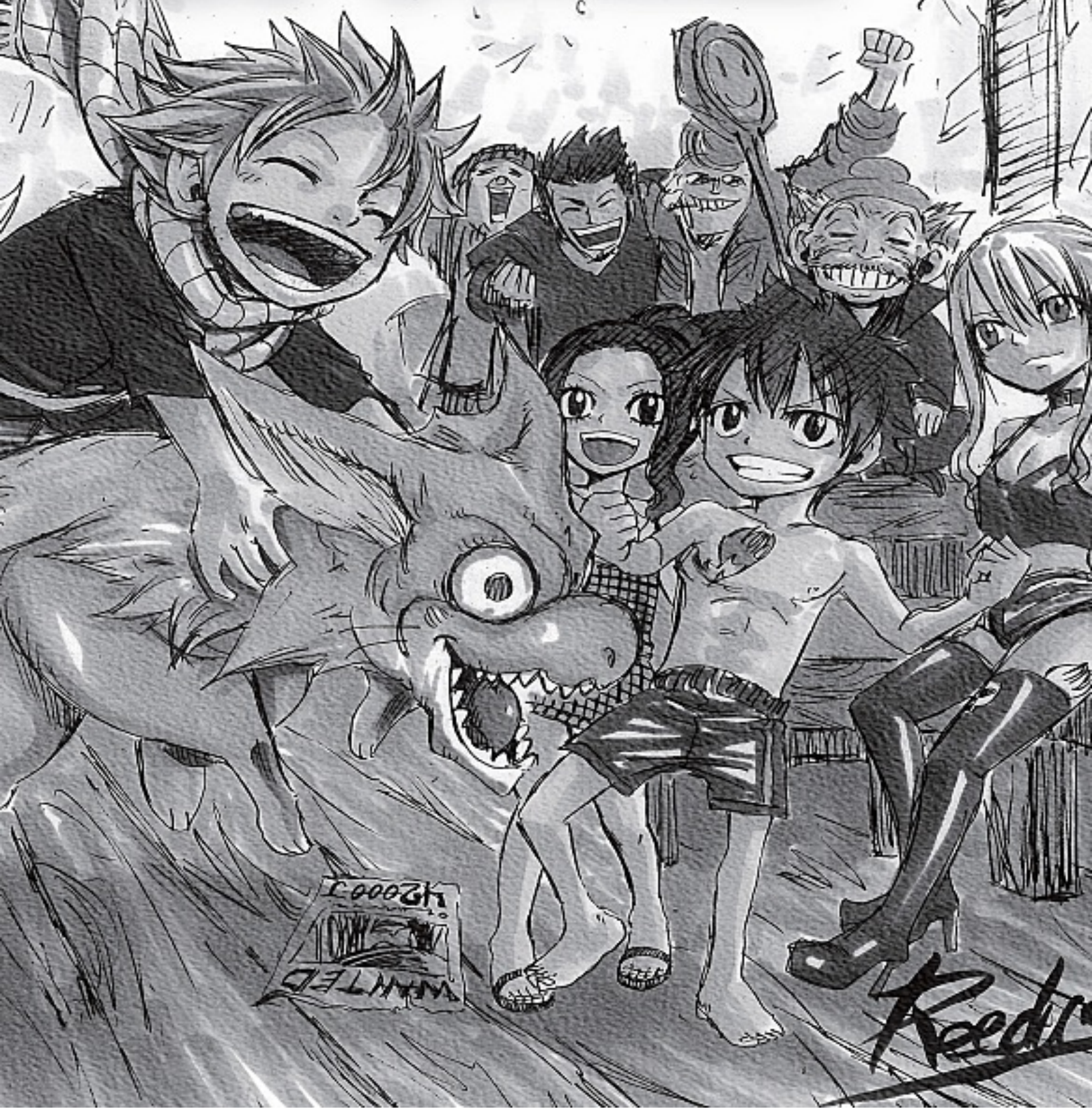


Side Story

**X778: Natsu and the Dragon's Egg**



# TAIL







**FAIRY TAIL**



So that  
would make  
it six years  
ago.

This  
happened  
very soon  
after  
I joined  
Fairy Tail.



*I found  
an  
egg!!!!*

*An  
egg!!!*

I picked it  
up in the  
East Forest.

An egg?  
Where did  
you find that  
thing?









He's saying that  
if you want it  
hatched, you will  
be required to put  
in effort and do it  
yourself.

Over a  
kid's  
head,  
huh?

Old man,  
are you okay?  
I don't get a  
word you're  
sayin'.



W-We're  
really good  
friends  
today too,  
see?

Y-You  
were  
here?

This comes as  
a good chance  
to learn the  
significance  
of birth!

Normally,  
you're  
incapable of  
doing anything  
but destroying  
things.

**Erza!!!**

So Erza's  
back?





Go ahead,  
come at me.

I'm ready to  
pick up where  
we left off.

Mira...

Another  
fight?!

GWIP



You're  
going  
down,  
Erza!!!!

You're going  
to end up  
crying,  
Mirajane!!!!

CRASH

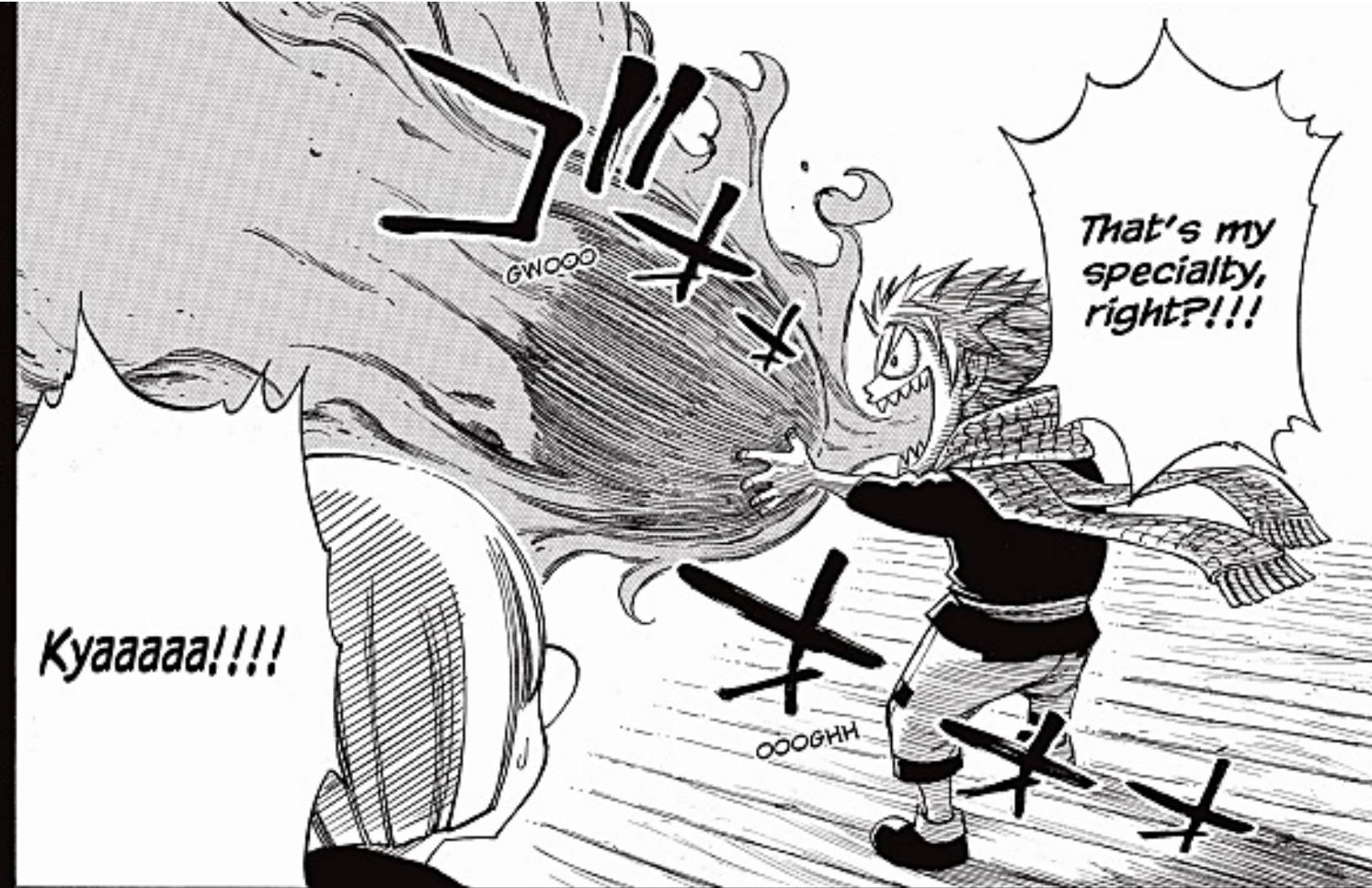
Come to  
think of it,  
you're right.  
We haven't  
settled it  
yet.

Mira.

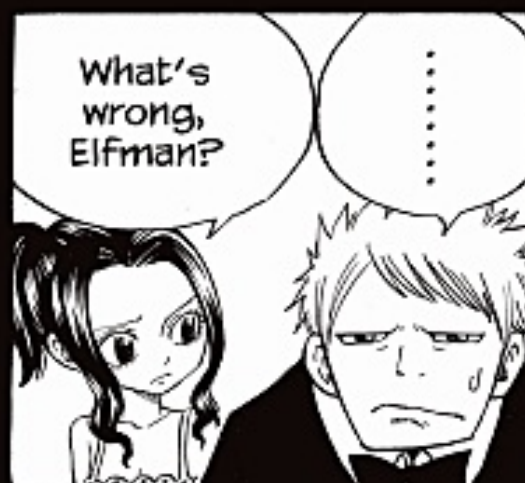








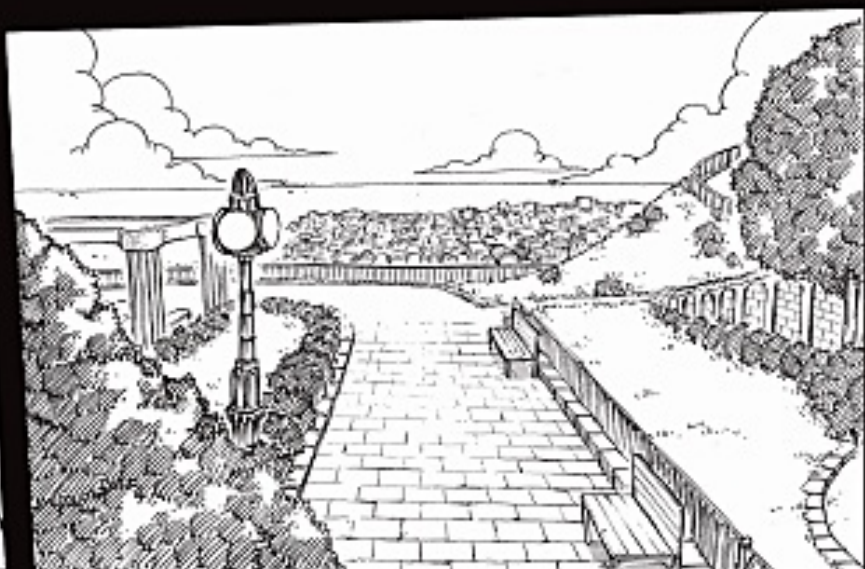
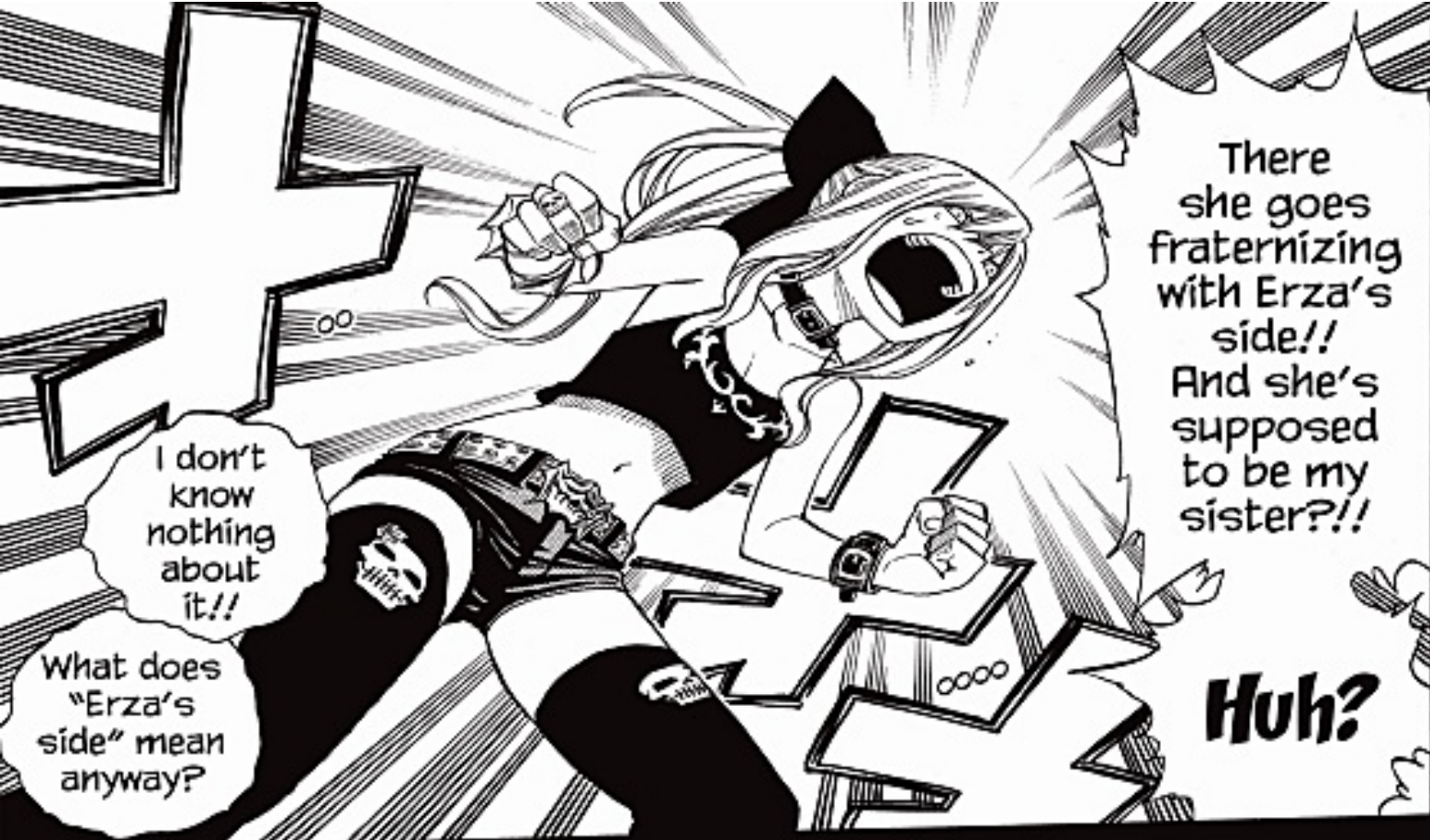
















That's why I do jobs, right?

You pay money for it?

Eat it at the guild.

What do you do about food?

Yeah!

Come to think of it, Natsu, you live alone, right?



You can cook?!

Why don't I make you something next time we have the chance?



You do?

I kinda feel sorry for you.



F-for some reason, I *can* imagine that.

Big Brother Elf can cook too.

Wait a second! Mira can cook too? I can't even imagine it!

I'm not as good as Mira, you know...

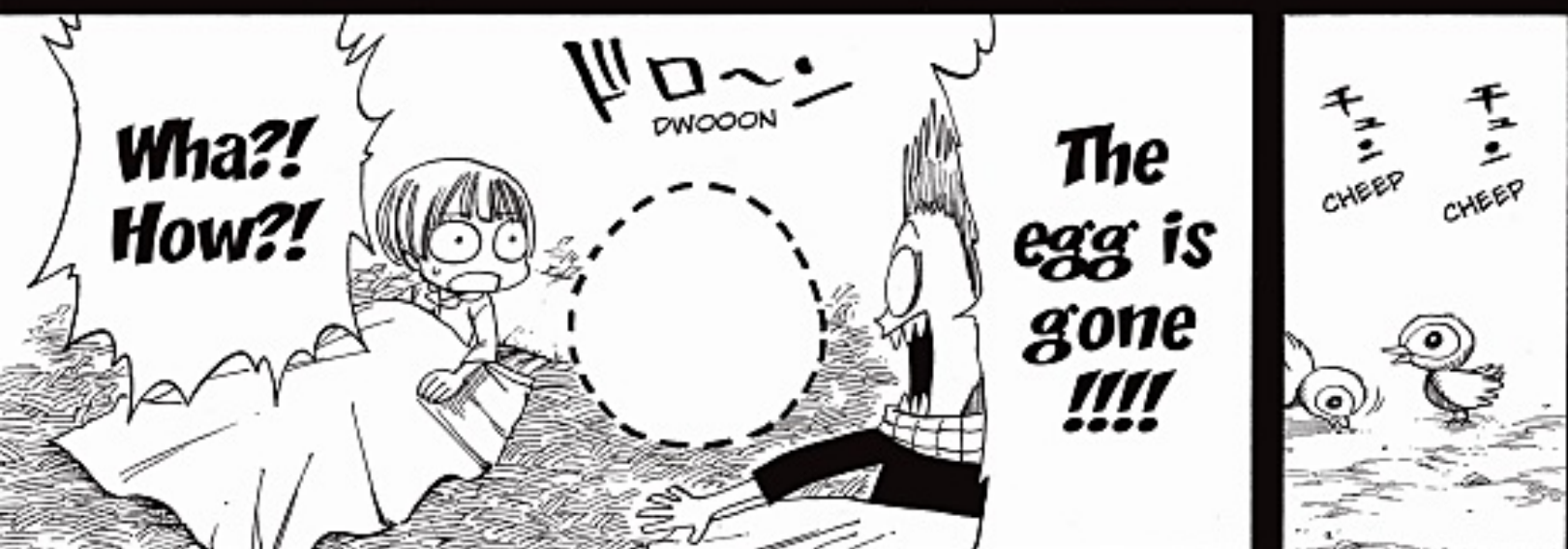




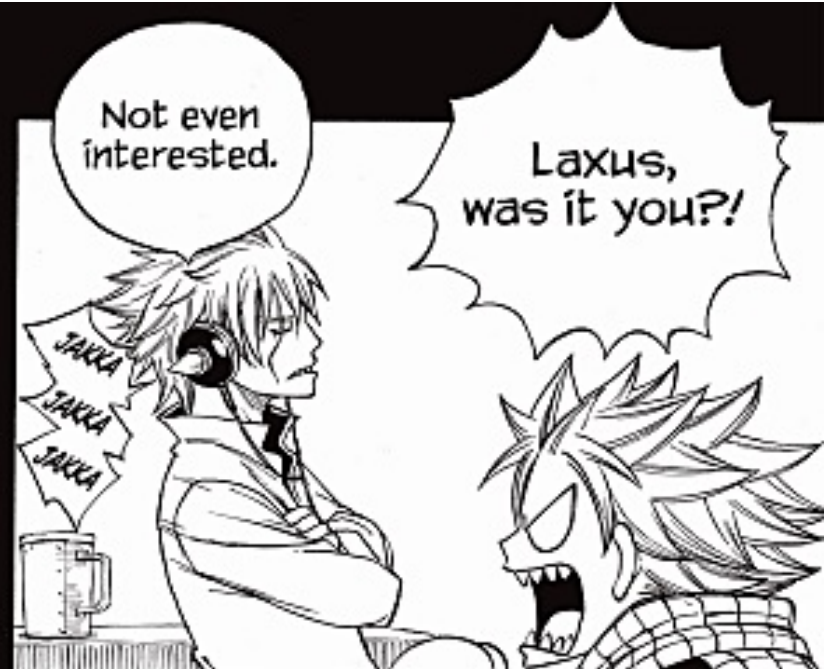




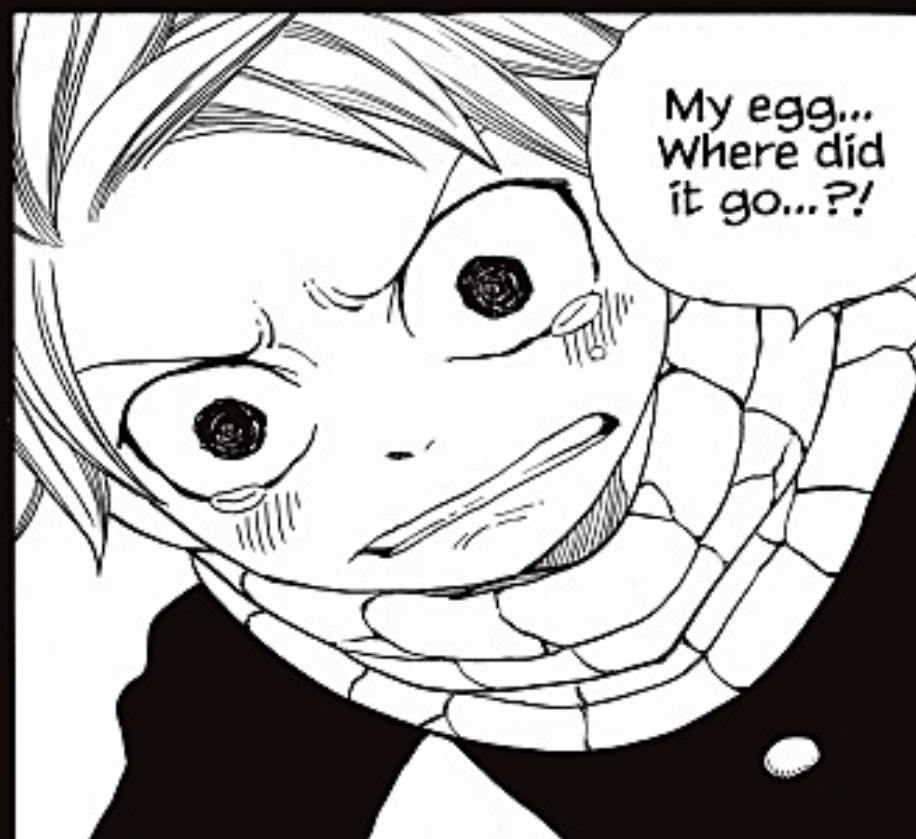




















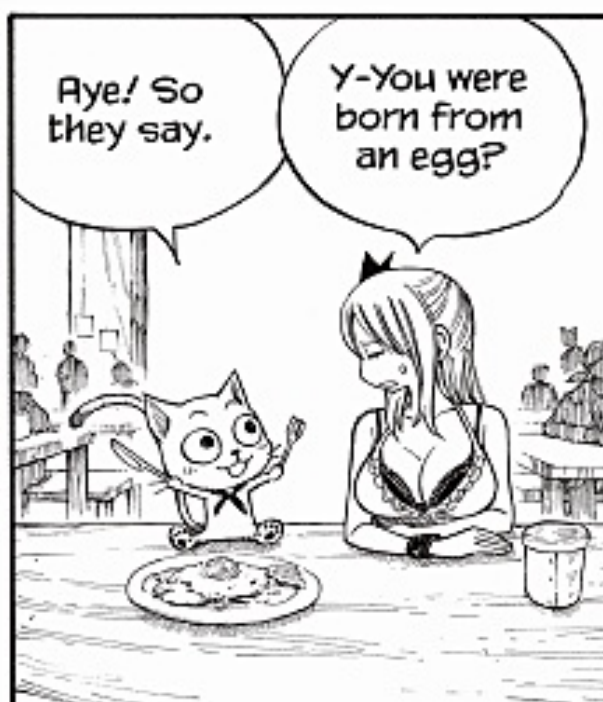














# AFTERWORD

This makes me really think hard about manga. Just kidding!! No, really, I went to signings in Taiwan and America, and I had also heard that they're really passionate about Fairy Tail in France too. And amid all this, I went to a party bringing together manga artists from both Sunday and Magazine, so I can say, I've had a good taste of manga events. I wrote a little about this in Volume 12, but Japan just doesn't seem to have any events that go beyond a particular publisher. If you're talking cars, you have the motor shows. Games have the Tokyo Game Show, and music has all of its festivals... There are loads of things like that. But there's none for manga. Of course, I think the rivalry between publishers is a good thing, but I also think that once a year, gathering all the publishers and having an event aimed at the fans would do some good. Sure, I know it'd cost a lot of money, and there are probably plenty of obstacles to it that I don't know about, but I think the days of being able to sell manga without lifting a finger are long over. It could be because of a change in consumer attitudes, or a change in the atmosphere surrounding manga, or the fact that we manga-ka have changed.... I'm sure there are many reasons, but you know, manga is Japanese culture. Isn't this the very time when the entire publishing industry should be gathering to go out and push it? At least, that's what I've been thinking lately. Huh... Here I go getting all serious, and now my shoulders have suddenly gotten stiff....

In the next Fairy Tail volume, we set a record, printing a chapter 128 that's very different than the magazine version!! It's an extended version where I've added some ten pages to it!! Look for it!!



# Emergency Request!

## Explaining the mysteries of Fairy Tail!



Moun•tain•li•on•  
pooooon!!!

**LUCY:** This time, we're going to have a great time answering your questions!

**Mira:** Woof, woof!

**LUCY:** .....

**Mira:** Woof!



Okay. What's that for?



It's a mountainlion voice! Woof, woof!



Mountain **LION**. It's one of the big cats!

**Mira:** So, on with the questions!

Don't you think Laxus is a little too macho with his shirt off?



**LUCY:** The person's got a point.

**Mira:** I hear the manga artist thought a question like that would come along, and he was prepared.

**LUCY:** It isn't just Laxus. Whenever anybody is in a battle, they suddenly get all muscular.

**Mira:** Still, Dragon slayer magic is a type of magic that changes your body, so doesn't that explain it?



Isn't it just because he sucks at drawing people who are more delicate?

**Mira:** Next question!

### Those guys... Who were they?

Th-This is bad!!  
He took Zato down...



**LUCY:** Hey, you noticed the little bit of foreshadowing! Good for you!



I hope the artist hasn't forgotten them himself.

**LUCY:** Maybe they were originally set to appear right in the middle of the Battle of Fairy Tail, right?

**Mira:** And it was up to Laxus and Natsu to defend the guild together!

**LUCY:** "You know I...really love Fairy Tail after all!" (Laxus's voice)

**Mira:** "Right! Then let's fight these bums together!" (Natsu's Voice)





Then in comes the Master!



"Both of you! Well done!"

**Lucy:** And everybody is the best of friends!

**Mira:** And they lived happily ever after!



Hey, that may not be a bad idea.

**Mira:** Don't worry. "Those guys" will be back. In the next volume.

*So why is it that Natsu and Gajeel couldn't get out of the Jutsu-shiki trap?*



**Lucy:** Ohhh! So there's a mystery still left, huh?

**Mira:** It seems there is an actual reason for this.

**Lucy:** If I remember right, the rule went something like, "Stone statues and people over 80 years old may not leave." Or something like that, I think.

**Mira:** There was also a hint in Volume 4 and Volume 13 when it mentioned that Natsu's and Gajeel's ages were unknown.



Ehh?!! But that sort of gives the answer away, doesn't it? Are you sure it's okay to say that?!! That Natsu and Gajeel are both actually over 80 years old?!!



Sorry. Wrong.



Eh?

**Mira:** Beyond that would be revealing an important plot point, so I can't say any more.

**Lucy:** Noooo! Now you got me curious!!

**Mira:** On to the last question.

*Hiro-kun is really just a big perv, right??*



**Lucy:** I don't really think we need to answer that question.

**Mira:** True. He is always doing his very best for his male readers.

**Lucy:** That isn't what I mean! He isn't thinking of that at all! He's just a big perv!!

**Mira:** But he's doing his best for his female fans too! This volume, he had both Gray and Laxus strip down, didn't he?



I don't think just having everybody strip is "doing one's best"...

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# GUILD

## Rejection Corner

Tōyama Prefecture, Impact Abuzooba



▲ Yeah, I have the feeling I drew something like this at some point, but I can't quite remember...

By sending in letters or postcards you give us permission to give your name, address, postal code and any other information you include to the author as is. Please keep that in mind.



Iwate Prefecture, Yūya Abe

▼ It seems like he actually got into the fight with Laxus, maybe.



Nagano Prefecture, Chazhan

▼ That's an amazingly intelligent looking Natsu-kun.



Gifu Prefecture, Tomoka Yamashita

▼ Ple appearing on a checker pattern!!



Fuku Prefecture, Harukichi

▼ She was pretty good huh? Erza had a tough time fighting her

▼ A really cute Juvia-san.



Ehime Prefecture, Ai Urushikawa

▼ Ohh! Natsu's turned into another Jason!



Osaka, Makoto Kihara



The *Fairy Tail* Guild d'Art is an explosion of fan art! Please send in your black-and-white art on large postcard stock!! Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster!! Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your postcard!

# d'ART

▼ Gray acting cool. But he's nude.



Ookayama Prefecture Ayaka Ikeda

▼ This is pretty cute. I like the combination.



Hokkaido Hiroki Morimatsu

▼ A refreshing Erza. Thank you! And thanks for the encouragement!



Tokyo Ryo Hasegawa

▼ The split personality of Mirajane can be kind of scary, huh?



Karagawa Prefecture Fumio Koide

▼ Hi there!! A cute pose for Lucy!



Iyogo Prefecture Takaozumi

▼ Huh? What is that in the upper right?



Nagasaki Prefecture Sayuri Hirakawa

▼ Looks like the two of them during downtime at school.



Karagawa Prefecture Papico

▼ Lyrics by Hiro Mashima. Sorry.



Shizuoka Prefecture Ryoichi

▼ Laxus the strongest. It took the combined strength of Natsu and Gajeel together to take him down.



Osaka Satoru Sengai



# Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

## Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that what is contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

## Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, there are occasional images where the word “Wizard” is found. This translation has taken that as its inspiration, and translated the word *madôshi* as wizard. But *madôshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed into the English language such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madô* is the way of magic, and *madôshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word “wizard” is used, the Japanese would think less of traditional western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, and more of martial artists.

## Dance of Purgatory, page 16

The top two *kanji* on Mystogan's pants are the Japanese word for the Catholic religion's concept of purgatory – a place to purge one's soul of sins before one can proceed to heaven. The bottom two, *kagura*, is a word for traditional music and dances of the Shinto religion.



## **Matenrô, page 25**

In normal use, *matenrô* would mean a high-rise building, but obviously this particular magic has nothing to do with a building. The first *kanji* in the word means "to scrape," and the second means "the heavens." And considering what was awaiting Laxus up in the sky, "Sky Scraping" seems like a reasonable translation for the words.

## **Symbols on Chest, page 71**

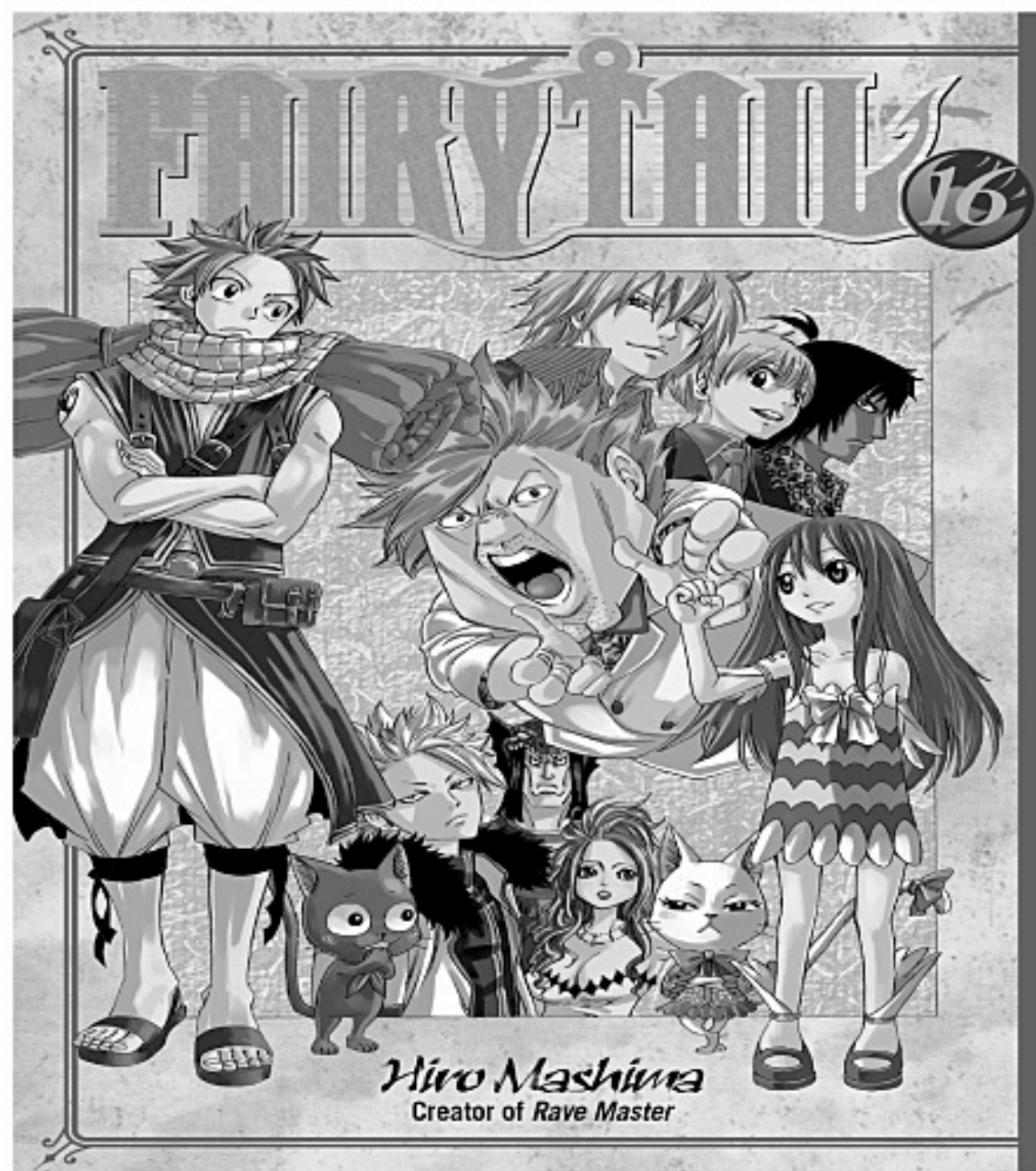
One of the passed-out wizards had a *kanji* and heart symbol either on a t-shirt or a tattoo on his chest. The first one is the *kanji* for *ai*, which means "love." So, although it would be pronounced the same as the "I heart" T-shirts, it basically means, "Love love."



# Preview of Fairy Tail, volume 16

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I desire that you all keep that in mind.

But the Master is no young man. If we pile on too many strains, he could take a turn for the worse.

That old man won't go out so easily!

That's wonderful! I was really worried for a while there!

You know that you're a *participant*, right?

Juvia has been hoping to see Fantasia!

Ehh ?!

And you could say that his condition calls for something like this.

It's what the Master wants...

But we'll still go through with Fantasia in his condition?

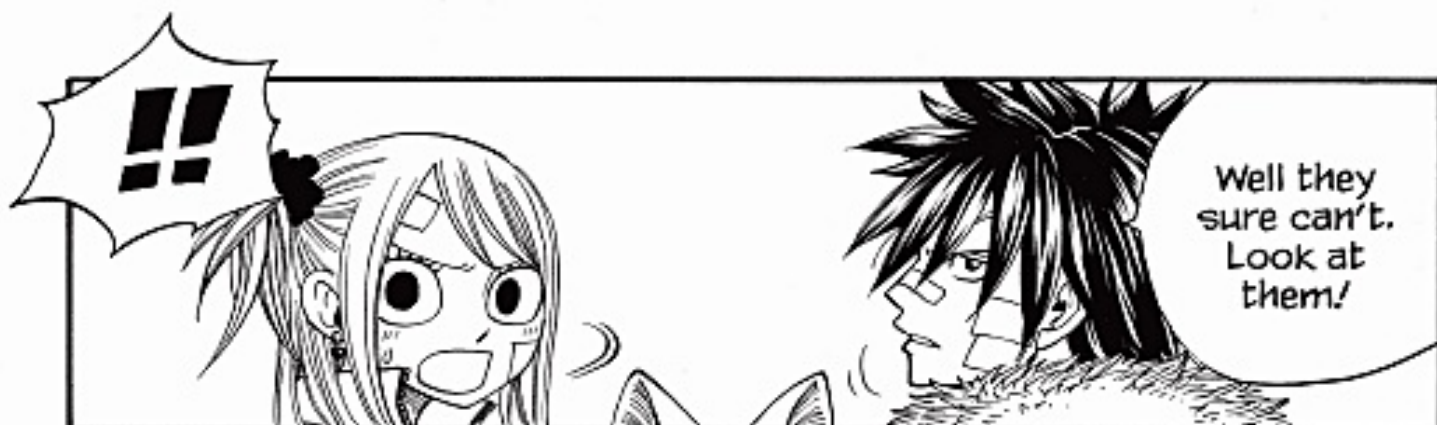
Then I'm in it too?!

**PULLN!**

With all the injured, anybody who can stand on their own feet is expected to participate.

But Juvia just joined!

















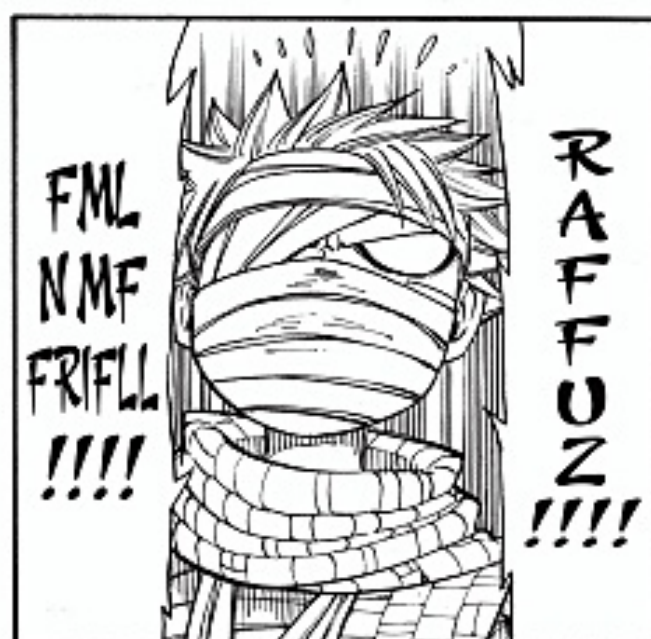
He's  
in the  
clinic in  
back.

Hey,  
Erza!!!



Leave  
him be.

WHOOOSH



FML  
NMF  
FRIFLL  
!!!!

RAFFUZ  
!!!!



SHK SHK SHK

SHK SHK SHK

SHK SHK SHK

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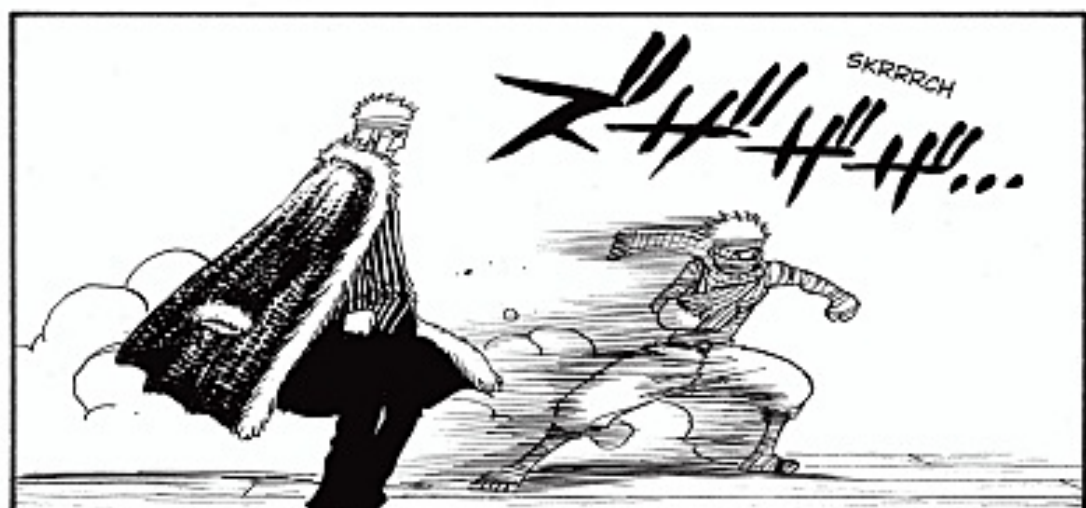
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Natsu  
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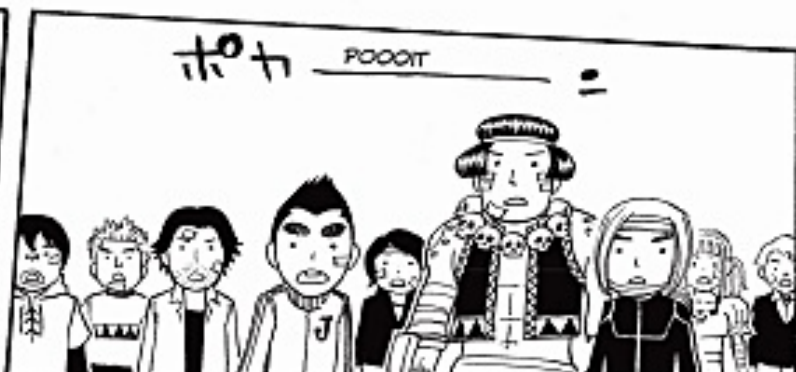
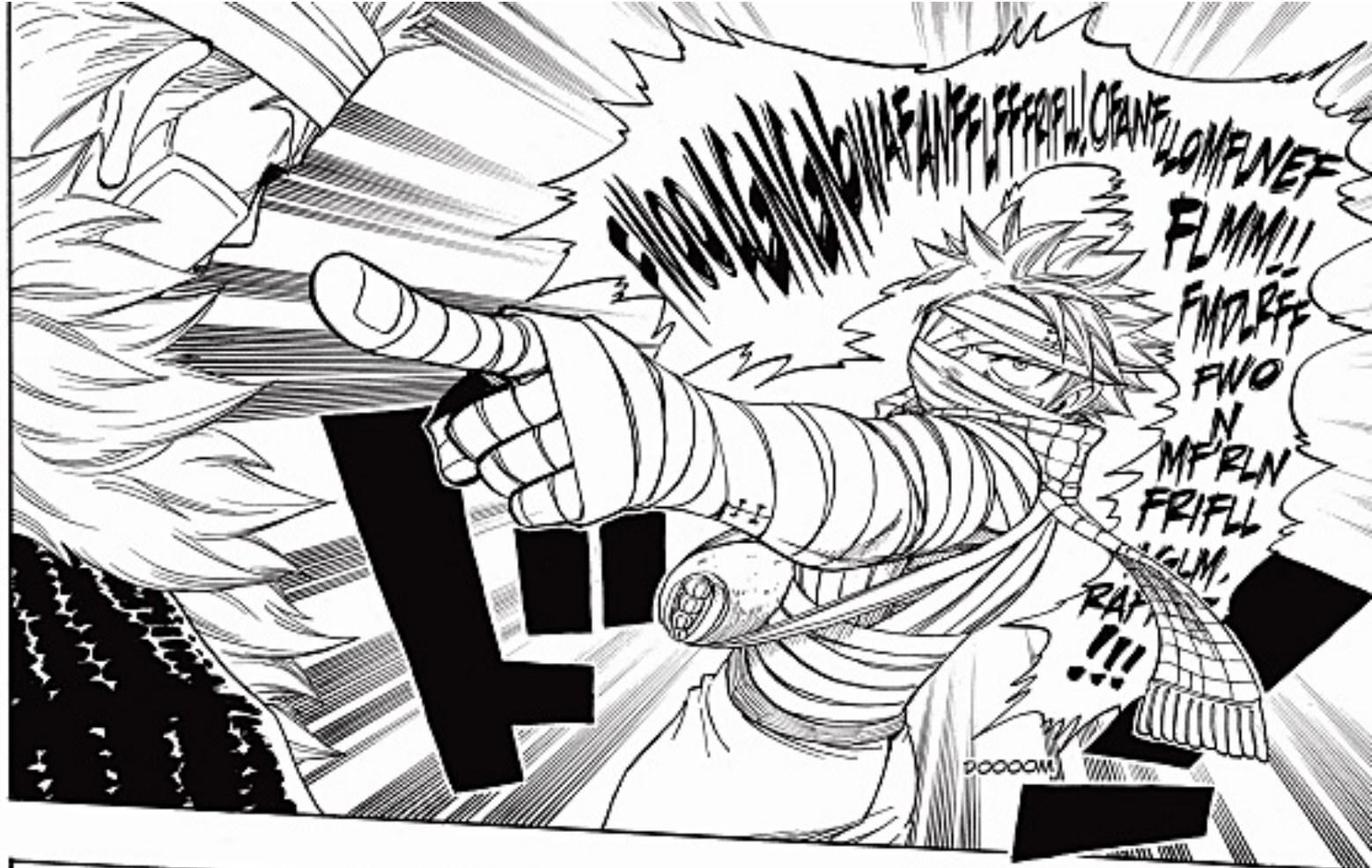
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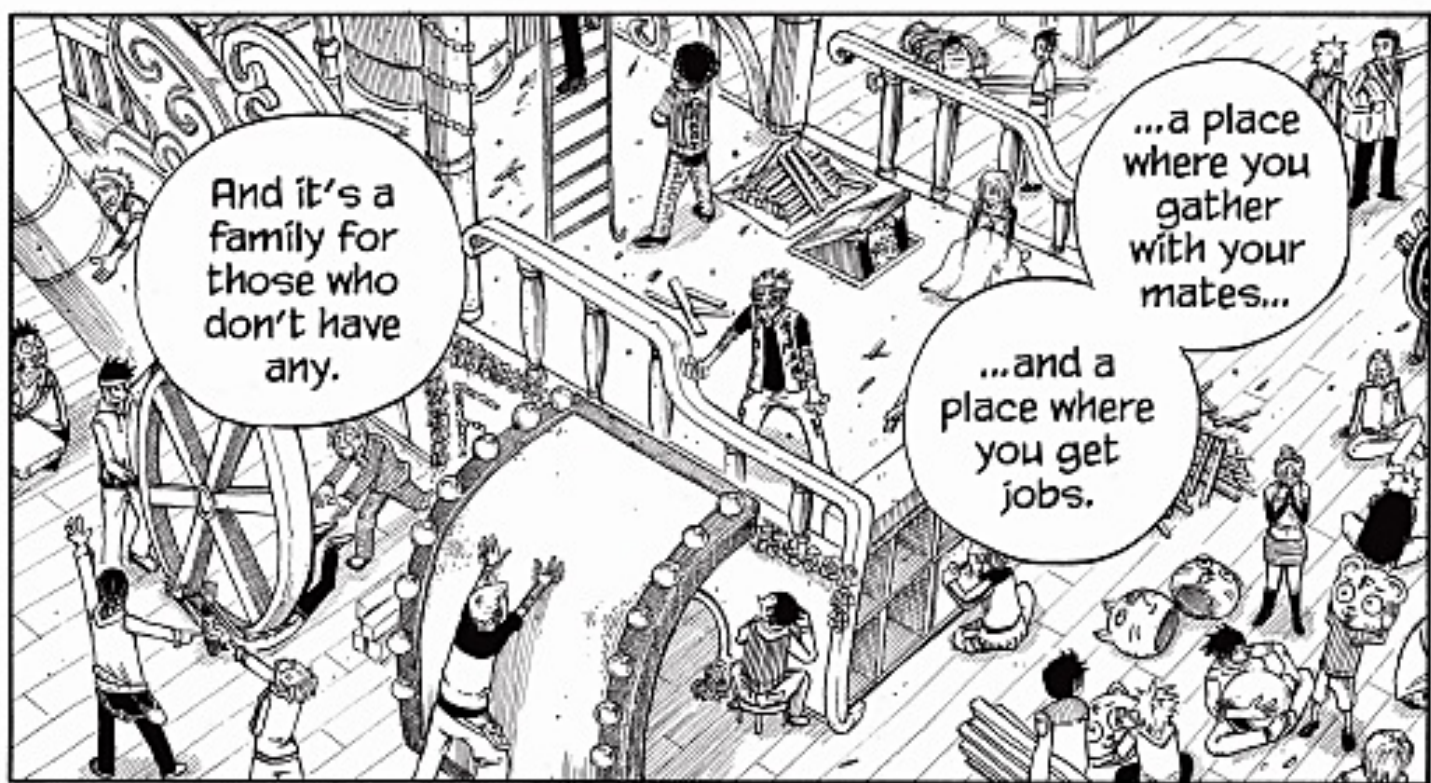








A guild  
is...



And it's a  
family for  
those who  
don't have  
any.

...a place  
where you  
gather  
with your  
mates...

...and a  
place where  
you get  
jobs.



And more  
than any  
thing else,  
it's the  
strong and  
solid bonds  
between  
them all.

A guild is  
made up of  
the trust and  
integrity of  
each indi-  
vidual.



It doesn't  
belong to  
*you!*



That isn't  
something  
that can be  
overlooked.

You broke  
with that  
integrity and  
threatened  
the lives of  
your guild  
mates.



***I know  
that!***



...wanted to  
make a...  
stronger  
guild...!



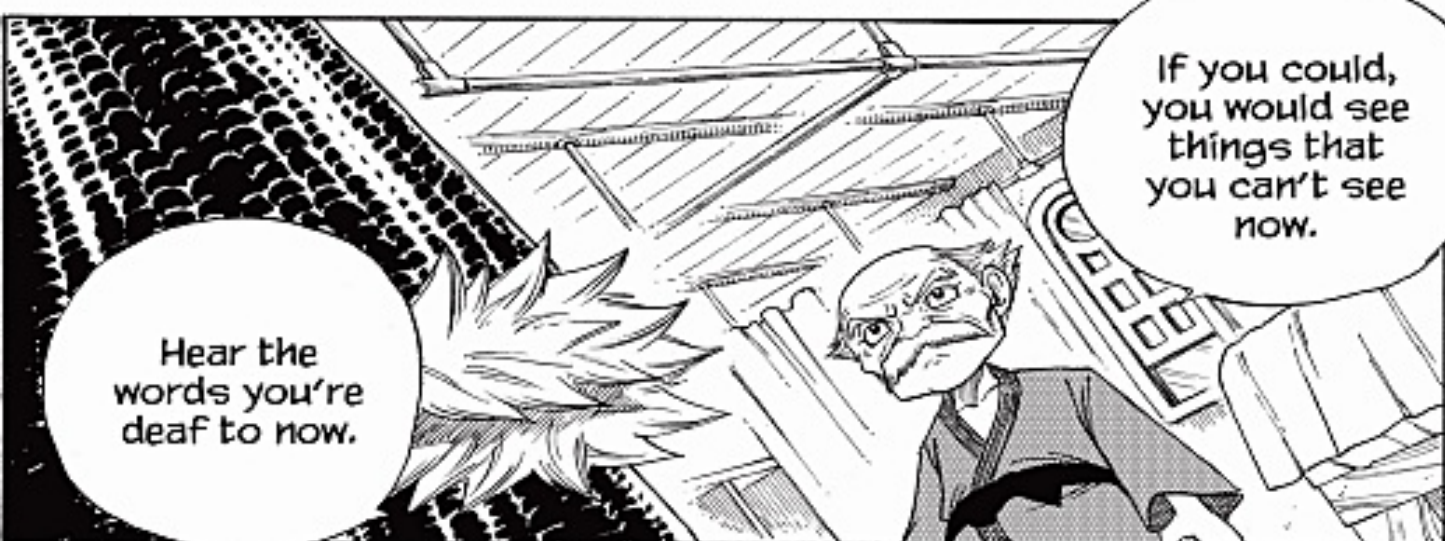
***I  
just...***





Can't you  
lighten up  
even a little?

It's amazing  
how clumsy  
you are dealing  
with people...



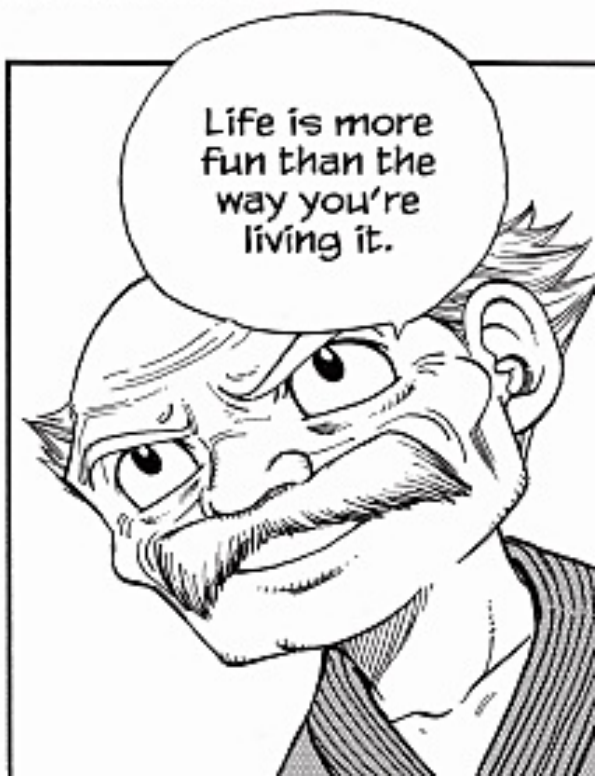
Hear the  
words you're  
deaf to now.

If you could,  
you would see  
things that  
you can't see  
now.



You  
didn't need  
strength.  
Be stupid  
for all I  
care...

You know I...  
*lived* to watch  
the way you  
grew up.



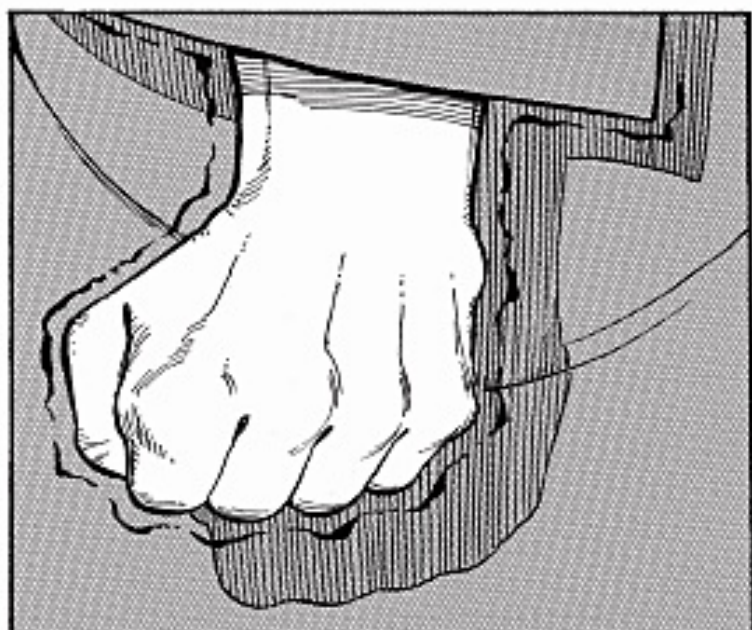
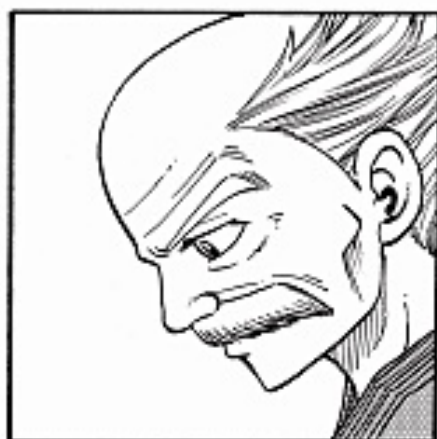
Life is more  
fun than the  
way you're  
living it.





*... that  
was all  
I was  
hoping  
for.*

*But as  
long as  
you were  
full of  
energy  
...*







**YOU ARE  
EXPELLED!**

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